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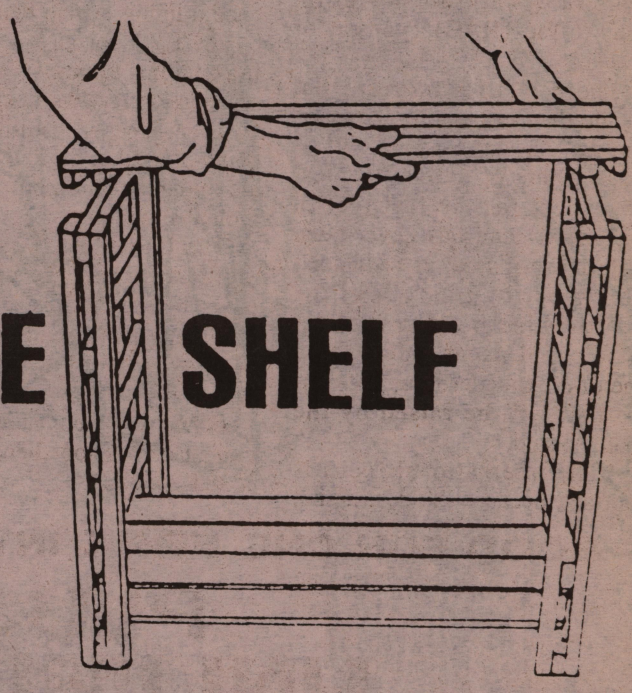

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Residents fight for waterfront park

by Dave Clements

Debra Sandborn wants her children to know the Saanich that she does, a town where all residents can actually walk along the coastline.

Bill Moore's Stanrick Group is threatening that future.

The Victoria-based development corporation has been trying to rezone Gordon Head's Glencoe Cove area since 1987, to permit the construction of 99 single-family dwellings.

"This is the last possible waterfront park in Saanich, in Greater Victoria....Where else can you go that you have a living link with the past, a link with native history?" said Sandborn.

Sandborn and The Friends of Glencoe Cove have been combatting Moore's proposal by telephone, by leaflets, and knocking on the doors of local residents.

They argue the developer's plan of protecting only 3.2 acres of the waterfront is unacceptable, especially when one considers that half of this proposed park is an island which is barely accessible to residents.

The Friends have delivered a petition to Saanich, signed by 2,400 residents, to save the cove; site of rare plants, a shellmidden, and Songhees burial cairns.

"There is a real will to see it established as a park," said Sandborn.

"We're now reaping the benefits - or the costs - of that."

The Friends are supported in their fight by numerous members of the scientific field, including biologists, archaeologists and geographers.

"There are fewer and fewer areas on South Vancouver Island where people can stand near the water, and not on private property," said Rick Searle, a freelance writer with a Masters of Arts in Land Use Planning.

"Victoria is growing at an awesome rate. 12,000 people per year are moving in to the Victoria area, so areas such as Glencoe Cove are becoming fewer and far between," Searle said.

"Surely there are places left we can save. These places have value in and of themselves, not just dollar value."

Searle said that the possible development plans for Glencoe Cove are endemic of land use planning in Saanich over the past few decades.

"There's been no vision, it's been ad hoc. It has been made on purely economic terms, by *laissez-faire*, the invisible hand of economics," said Searle.

"We're now reaping the benefits - or the costs - of that."

Dr. Grant Keddie, an archaeologist with the Royal B.C. Museum, said Glencoe Cove deserves much more study before the soil is turned.

"It's a very important site that tells us a lot about what native people were doing over the past 1,000 years," said Keddie.

Keddie, and many students of native history, speculate that the area was a Chekonein village. The Chekonein are part of the extended First Nation Lekwungen, known to most people as the Songhees.

Support for this is found in the presence of the shellmidden, a layer of seashells and fire-altered rock that indicates native people had settled there.

Burial cairns common to this region have also been identified by Keddie. Though these can be excavated and removed, Keddie said "The soil is fairly uniform. If you excavate, the bones will likely disintegrate."

"It's part of this site," said Keddie. "And the fact that rare plants are also there ... the whole shoreline should be preserved."

"This is the last possible waterfront park in Saanich."

Stanrick Group's asking price for the property is $10 million, but Saanich's annual parks budget is only $6 million, making an immediate purchase highly unlikely.

"Obviously, if Saanich had the resources to preserve all 40 acres, that would be wonderful, but let's be realistic," said Sandborn. "We are willing to compromise."

An Environmental Social Review has been completed by Westland Resources at the request of the municipality. A report will be made to Saanich's Planning Advisory Committee Sept.28, and it will go to Saanich Council Oct. 8.

Bill Moore was unavailable for comment.❑

Date change for student day of action

by Stephen DeMeulenaere

Students will have the opportunity next month to demonstrate in global solidarity against profit-first forest practices.

Initially set for Sept. 27, Student Day of Action has been moved to Oct. 13 to coincide with Western Hemispheric and worldwide protests against the continued clearcutting of the last of the old growth temperate rainforests in the world.

Protests and non-violent civil disobedience actions will take place in 12 countries in South, Central and North America. Youth, student and environmental organizations worldwide will also hold demonstrations in support.

"There is a lot more to the struggle than just saving the environment"

Rather than focusing just on Clayoquot, the Day will be spent voicing what routinely is silenced by the mainstream press and more mainstream organizations.

"Saving old growth temperate rainforests requires an end to the dominant western paradigm which includes patriarchal capitalism and multi-national corporate destruction of the forests for profit," said Michael Gardiner of the UVic Temperate Rainforest Action Group (UVic-TRAG), sponsors of the event.

"There is a lot more to the struggle than just saving the environment," he continued.

The rights of native peoples, and respect for the fact that in B.C., native land has never been ceded to the federal or provincial government by treaty, and the alternatives hemp can provide for the pulp and paper industry are some of the broader issues of concern that will be raised by the action, he said.

"The international focus is important, because the destruction of the rainforest is just one symptom of the harmful effects of global capitalism. Lots more things have to be changed," said Gardiner.

"Right now, young people are feeling frustrated," said Marie Segger of the West Coast Environmental Youth Alliance (EYA). "They are watching their future being destroyed right in front of them, and want to take action for their rights, and for what they believe is the right thing to do," she said.

Many youth groups will be involved in the day's action including Victoria Secondary School groups, the Canadian Federation of Students, the National Union of Students in England and university student unions in the United States.

Major protests in Victoria last spring and in the Clayoquot and Walbran valleys this summer have supplied local organizations with broader community support.

Infusions of committed volunteers have resulted in an increased level of organization necessary for taking stronger action to preserve remaining wilderness on Vancouver Island.

"They are watching their future being destroyed right in front of them."

Non-violent civil disobedience training is also being offered by the EYA for anyone considering placing themselves in arrest situations or situations of intimidation.

Peacekeeper training is also being offered to those who wish to aid in the prevention of potentially violent situations.

The UVic-TRAG can be contacted through the clubs mail boxes beside the Resource Center, or through Michael Gardiner's mailbox behind the SUB general office.

EYA can be contacted for non-violent civil disobedience training at 383-2062.❑

Strong student study

by Calinda Brown

Every student knows academics and real life aren't separated. UVic administration has finally realized that too.

UVic President David Strong, has appointed a task force to examine all services the university provides students. The intention is to define the relationship between students and the University.

Academic and non-academic services are being considered at the same time. Jim Griffiths, secretary to the task force, believes it is important to look at all aspects of student life.

"We dealt with them as non-academic and academic before and isolated what people need to be a complete person," said Griffiths. "[You] can't approach it as anything other than an integrated whole."

The review will look at everything from how services are presented at UVic, to the student participation in them.

The last review of services was 1974. Administration needs to know what services are now required with a much more diverse student body.

If that is really what the task force is for.

Director of academics for the UVic Student's Society, George Pringle, believes the goals of the task force are something else.

"I think it's a good idea to do an assessment of how student's services operate on this campus. But I think the intention is to facilitate student user fees and code of conduct and other student-unfriendly things," he said.

Jacqueline Crummey and Nevin Thompson, the two undergraduate student reps on the board, felt their input wasn't important to the task force.

"They always scheduled the meetings in their time," said Crummey. "They don't have a really accurate view of what being a student at UVic is all about."

Crummey feels a student perspective is not actively being sought. "Are they asking students? There are only three students on the task force," she said.

The twelve member task force is seeking submissions from all students at UVic. They are distributing a "Feedback Form and Submission Guide," to all student's groups on campus.

This insightful form lists forty-three services on campus and asks students questions such as "What made your day today?"

There will also be three open sessions totalling six hours on Sept. 28 from 3-5 pm, on Sept. 29. from 3-5 pm and on Sept. 30 from 7-9 pm in the Senate Chambers, room A-180, UVic Centre.

Students can also contact members of the task force to respond in whatever fashion they feel appropriate. The submissions guide should be available by Friday, Sept. 17.

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Norse whalers resume slaughter

by Heather McGuffin

Norwegian whalers dusted off their harpoons and headed back to sea this summer, defying a seven year old moratorium set by the International Whaling Commission (IWC).

The Norwegian government announced plans at the IWC meeting in May to kill 296 whales. Scientific research will take 136 and 160 will be for commercial profit. The hunt started July 16.

The protected stock of north east Atlantic minke whales is the target of the hunt. The minke is a small, streamlined, fast swimming member of the baleen family who spends the summer months off the coast of Norway.

The stock has had protected status since 1986, when the IWC Scientific Committee showed it had dropped to below 54 per cent of its original size.

Because of the nature of the moratorium, the IWC is unable to stop Norway's activity.

"The IWC is powerless, really," said Catherine Stewart, Ocean Ecology Campaigner for Greenpeace. "The moratorium is a gentleman's agreement. It is based on the mutual respect of the members."

Norway's plan is to recreate a market for whale meat. If the market is successful, the number of minkes killed could go as high as 2,000 per year by 1994.

The North Norwegian Minke Whalers Association claims the stocks will not be damaged if 2,000 minkes are killed per year.

Stewart disagrees. "There has been over-exploitation of whale stocks for the past century, resulting in catastrophic declines in numbers," she said. "These minkes are classified as protected for a reason."

The Norwegian government has launched large public relation campaigns worldwide to promote the whale meat market. Whale meat has become a luxury food which, in Japan, can sell for over $230 Cdn per pound.

Worldwide boycotts of Norwegian products were announced following the 1993 IWC meeting. It is expected Norway will be blocked from joining the European Community, as the EC government has stated whaling is "incompatible" with membership.❑

UVic saves Vale

by Shawn Hall

Mystic Vale is finally UVic's.

It has been designated a nature site and will be used as a living laboratory by several university departments.

"I think its been the responsibility and duty of universities throughout the ages to protect and save knowledge," said UVic president Dr. David Strong.

"We have no idea what has been lost in different areas of the world," Strong said. "We've made a legal committment not to develop the Vale."

UVic contributed $466,000 to the purchase of Mystic Vale. The B.C. government contributed $1.5 million. Saanich added $.75 million to the purchase in return for the legal commitment to preserve the area. The final price tag was $2.71 million.

The eleven acre Mystic Vale site adjoins to another 11 acre area of forest UVic already owns.

A board including students, faculty and community members, will be set up in the near future to determine regulations surrounding use of the Vale.

"The student's have been wonderful," said Strong, noting the extensive petitions, rallies, and meetings.

"Mystic Vale is a very special place," said John Topham, a student and member of the Vancouver Island Public Interest Research Group.

"You go down there and you can't hear the traffic," he said. "All you have to do is go there and you fall in love with the place," he said.

Topham is concerned legal documents give the Vale "adequate protection."

"The publicity generated by saving it could increase its use and cause its destruction," he said.

But Topham also said publicity is necessary to save areas like this in the face of rich developers.

VIPIRG collected a 1,500 name-petition to save the Vale and helped publicize the public hearing that took place last year, where "Alan Hopper [the appraising officer] got an earful" from the 500 people there.❑

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Clayoquot crowd challenges courts

by Joel Freedman

Last Friday an enthusiastic crowd of 700 gathered on the lawns of the Legislature to protest clearcutting in the Clayoquot.

The crowd was joined by the first of more than 600 people arrested for protesting in the Sound this summer. The rally was staged to include these people on their lunch break from court.

The rally was another in a long chain of events against the logging company MacMillan Bloedel and the provincial NDP government.

"The rights of individuals are being violated," said Tzeporah Berman, a spokesperson for the Friends of Clayoquot Sound.

The ongoing imprisonment in Victoria of two elderly women held since July for blockading the Kennedy River Bridge is one example said Berman.

One of the grandmothers told of being transported to court in leg shackles, and fed A&W food three times a day. Little provision has been made for their vegetarian diets or for exercise.

Speaking earlier at the courts, Dr. Ron Aspinall, also of the Friends of Clayoquot Sound observed "the city lockup is twelve years older than Alcatraz," and conditions in the temporary holding cells on Fisgard are "abysmal.

Many at the rally hope Amnesty International will agree. An application has been made for the womens' cases to be investigated as prisoners of conscience.

"A month in the court system is worse than spending three weeks in jail," said Dr. Aspinall.

Aspinall decried the system which has imprisoned people like Andrew Swain.

Swain, 18, was arrested at his home in Oak Bay early last Thursday morning, after choosing to return to high school instead of attending his trial.

His father questioned the police's actions, saying "This is more like Guatemala than B.C."

Many of the arrested complain there hasn't been adequate time to prepare cases.

"It's about changing forestry in the whole country."

"The legal system doesn't work for the people. We didn't have time to find counsel. I had a week," said Jean, one of the defendants in the case who didn't want her last name printed.

The court refused an adjournment to accommodate defense lawyer's schedules. As a result, many people have lost their lawyers. Motions to hear the cases separately have also been refused by Supreme Court Justice John Bouck.

The protesters' concern isn't "against the court, it's against MacMillan Bloedel," remarked Aspinall.

"It's about changing forestry in the whole country," said Dr. Aspinall. " The whole relationship that human beings have to money and materialism and spirituality [is the problem]," he said. "Money worship has infected our culture."

Jean argues this confrontation is not "environmentalists against loggers" but rather it's about sustainability.

A request by the defendants for a four week adjournment to find lawyers and prepare defenses was denied.

Last week the Crown was granted a six week delay to continue the collection of evidence.

This double standard demonstrates a "blatant collusion between MacMillan Bloedel and the [B.C.] government," said Dr. Aspinall. Motions for a jury trial have also been denied.

MacMillan Bloedel, relieved of prosecution duties by the Crown now that the charges are for criminal contempt, declined comment on the trials.

Don Dowlang, speaking from the Kennedy Lake Division office did not want to discuss court matters.

He said an internal MacBlo poll showed 54% of British Columbians support the present logging decision, compared with 46% last April. Dowlang declined to reveal the questions in the poll.

Despite the circumstances, the protesters are determined not to fold under pressure.

"It is a serious commitment," admits Jean.

The cases continue daily in Courtroom 4D, 850 Burdett Ave., and are open to the public. The trials are expected to continue through January of next year, including a mass trial of 211 to begin Oct. 4th in the Newcombe Theatre.❑

Big bins appear around campus for phase three

by T.Nishimura

Learning the three R's didn't end in elementary school. Reduce, re-use and recycle are big here on campus.

"This year we really want to focus on education," said Rachel Parry, the UVic waste reduction and recycling co-ordinator.

Education has been the biggest hurdle in the campus recycling program said Parry.

Putting garbage or the wrong materials in the recycling bins is the major problem. If there is too much contamination in the bins, it's not sorted and it will be thrown out.

The UVic campus program, which began in 1988, is now in phase III. For the average campus user, it includes the recycling of pop cans, clear glass, newspaper, bond paper, cardboard, toner cartridges, film canisters and telephone books.

These bins are noticeable around the vending machines, in campus buildings, and outside residences.

There are other elements of campus recycling not as easily seen. The solvent distillation project to eliminate hazardous waste from work shops and print shops and installation of silver recovery units are programs the average user never sees.

As well, food services has eliminated tetrapak juice containers and individual milk containers and 1,200,000 individual cream containers, per year, in its waste reduction program.

The response to the blue bins has been excellent. "Our bins have been overflowing," said Parry.

In the first week of September alone, 6,500 pounds of cardboard was collected.

For more information on where to recycle, or to get involved with the recycling committee, visit VIPIRG located in the Student Union Building, or call Rachel Parry at 721-8326.❑

Machine offers convenience

by Paul Frey

No more lonely walks to the Campus Services building on SUB nights.

Due to popular demand, the University of Victoria Students' Society recently installed a new bank machine from the Royal Bank inside the Student Union Building lobby.

Installation of the new Royal Bank machine began on Aug. 30, and the machine became operational Sept. 3. Access hours will be from 6 a.m. to 2 a.m.

The impetus for the new machine was a survey conducted in 1991 by UVSS Communications department, which asked students what services they would most like to see. 958 students were surveyed, and 653 said they would like to see another bank machine on campus.

"One of the ... nice things about this bank machine is the fact that you can withdraw a minimum of five dollars," said Sue Corner, assistant manager of Communications.

Sixty per cent of the respondents in favor of a bank machine were women, but Corner warned against looking too deeply into the numbers.

"The survey very closely reflects the student population at the time that the survey was taken.

"There [were] more female students enrolled at UVic at the time of the survey than male students and that is reflected in the results [of] our samples," said Corner.

At the time of the survey, 57 per cent of the total student population at UVic was female.

"Close consultations between students and the UVSS were important said Corner."

"We are the Student Union Building, this is where students should feel [that they can] have those concerns addressed," she said.

Negotiations took over a year, but were actually completed in a little more than five months.

The main contenders for the machine were the Toronto Dominion Bank, and the Royal Bank. The Royal Bank was chosen because they were the only bank willing to pay for installation costs.

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EDITORIAL

If the mainstream press was your only window on the world, you could be forgiven for thinking only the Clayoquot was going under the logger's saw this summer.

Other protests against logging and environmental degradation have been going on quietly, while the media was buzzing like dirty flies around the Clayoquot hot spot.

The Terra Prima activity in the Walbran Valley has largely been ignored and the controversy surrounding the Carmanah - and other (formerly) pristine Island forests - seems forgotten.

On the mainland, there is logging in the Lasca and Hasty Creek watersheds in the West Kootenays, and in the spectacular but inaccessible sounds on the Sunshine Coast - to name a very few.

The Walbran has really been coming down tree by tree this summer - with barely a whisper of dissent heard.

Not to say there wasn't outrage. But this and most other on-site rainforest protests involved no more than 20 to 30 people at a time.

These are nothing spectacular enough to merit press time, right? The mainstream demands an EVENT to manufacture a story.

If trees are falling, that's not a story. You can't quote a tree. Now if Greenpeace was to hold a press conference about how awful it is that trees are falling in the Walbran . . . now that's a story.

Why, then, is Clayoquot all that gets to the press? Of course it is unique by the very volume of protesters there. And the Friends of Clayoquot Sound crank out the press releases like you wouldn't believe - a sure ticket into the headlines of the mainstream press.

It is easier to lift a quote from a press release than to make a few phone calls and track down the truth.

Some environmentalists claim the sheer power of numbers in Clayoquot Sound will raise public sympathy towards environmentalism in general, therefore benefiting all contentious areas.

Perhaps, but if these areas are logged while the public and press poke around Clayoquot, then this possible shift of ideals doesn't matter, does it?

Where's all this forest going, anyway? A lot of it ends up in paper-pulp.

The *Times-Colonist's* latest advertising ploy asks hapless readers what they see in the *T-C*, and the answer (below a mirror) is, rather ominously, "THEMSELVES."

Well this may be true. The *Times-Colonist* is not printed on recycled paper - so it's just as likely the wood pulp is from the Walbran as from anywhere else.

They probably have not been getting many complaints.

And they haven't been covering other environmental issues - if trees don't fall, they can't print, so they say. The thought of printing on recycled paper, even hemp or cereal straw, hasn't made it very far. That would mean breaking status quo.

However, you can only go so far in blaming the complacency of the mainstream press, and then you have to look a bit further. Look to what you are doing about the issues.

AND MAKE SOME NOISE.

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Soggy Pringle

Editors:

Kudos to the UVSS Week of Welcome committee and Matt Pollard, Director of Services, for an amazing Rock for Brains concert last Friday! I thought the bands (especially Pressure Cooker) were a great way to end the first week of school (and I liked the free corn-on-the-cob).

However, I must express extreme disappointment with the absence of a dunk tank. During the summer session, wild rumors predicted a dunk tank for the Week of Welcome, and a chance to see our favorite university personalities go ker-splash.

I can only register deep consternation with the UVSS for denying all of us the rhapsodic pleasure of dunking George Pringle, the UVSS Director of Academics. I stagger to think of the fund-raising potential overlooked by the BoD. Just picture, if you will, George perched above a cold water tank, with dozens of students (and probably a few university administrators) paying hundreds of dollars to hear the beautiful sound of the ball hitting its target, and the ensuing splashes again and again. My loonie jar, alas, remains unbroken.

Will this opportunity be missed again? Is this not an unequaled source of revenue for the UVSS, comparable only to the infamous SUB Nights?

My eager suggestion for the WoW committee is to reserve a dunk tank for another festive time - say, perhaps, the first week in January?

Christopher Devlin

Fowl advances

Editors:

It seems we have a few important things to discuss. First of all I do not and never have "fucked a wet bag of shit." Someone of your obvious literary prowess and scintillating wit may be able to recommend paper or plastic for it sounds exciting.

As for inserting a copy of the Martlet into my rectum and "shitting it out" I can honestly say tha' I have better things to do with my time. Perhaps you, dear Shane, could attempt to enhance a copy of the Times Colonist or Monday Magazine in your own special way.

And now I have a few nifty insults of my own. Maybe instead of cultivating deep relationships with water fowl you might try humans. We are usually more receptive to conversation and sexual advances.

If the ducks don't excite you enough then try the rabbits.

Matthew Ramsey

Vicious circle

Editors:

I was disturbed to read Alisa Smiths's views on the male-dominated Peace Camp (Sept 9/'93). If her impressions are accurate, then things have indeed changed for the worse since July, when I was last there.

There can be little doubt that hers is an alert mind, as she was quick to notice that people without access to bathing facilities will smell differently than we, the Ivory Clean, do; that there are rules at the Camp, such as having an `attitude... of openness, friendliness and respect' towards all, including the "woman with a vacant look and periodic mental vacuum", and the "unself-conscious losers" of the Men's Movement; and that "Iron Ron" and others are capable of saying things with which many men and women disagree.

While I wish to suggest to Ms. Smith that she should have made the effort to descend from her cloud for a moment to find the people at Camp who really were aware of the pertinence of feminism to the environmental movement- men included- I must confess to not having been there when she was. The Camp I was at had its problems, but the people whose minds were the most open and aware of the relationship between gender and other issues tended to be the ones to whom everyone listened anyway. Maybe those people had left. Maybe they had been perverted by the lure of patriarchal structure. Maybe she was too busy being disgusted to try.

I sat in on one of the men's circles. Its purpose was to provide an open discussion environment for men, without chest beatings, bongos or other contrived rituals. The issues discussed were: overcoming stereotypical behaviour patterns, deprogramming unwanted culturally-injected myths about machismo, discovering how gender issues and the environment are related, and realizing that as men we must be open to criticism of the male-dominated system without feeling threatened. This circle appeared to be extremely liberating for several people, and was in my opinion a worthwhile exercise in awareness.

Most important, though, was the reality that the men's circle would not have happened had it not been for some inflammatory and harmful statements made by Ron earlier in the evening. It is unfortunate that men should say the things they do. However, by listening only to the disagreeable, one is easily made angry. This anger is then directed back at the source and we are left with the vicious circle of mutual misunderstanding.

I suppose this would inspire such a title as: "Why I Love the Trees, but I Hate You." I suppose; but I am sorry to see it.

Scott Carr

National crimes

Editors:

Alisa Smith's expose of Camp Clayoquot is painful to read about, but KUDOs are in order for the courage of facing it head on. Sexism, racism and colonialism are endemic features of the settler state. Canada's new Indian Affairs minister, Pauline Browes, has announced that there is no inherent right to self government and extinguishment is a condition of settling land claims. Browes is

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Quote of the week:

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also a strong proponent of the death penalty.

Her boss, Kim Campbell, as justice minister upheld the rights of golfers over Indians at Oka in 1990. Campbell was also a junior DIA minister.

Jean Chretien as DIA proposed the infamous "white paper" policy.

Since the canadian public has never had any problem with the extinguishment and termination strategies of its leaders towards native nations, this lethal agenda will continue.

Because trees seem to be popular just now, those who haven't figured out that the political process is a mug's game, should consider the following: B.C. Forest Products, which became Fletcher Challenge Canada had as one of its directors-Jean Chretien.

Fletcher and Interfor are both clients of Ladner-Downs, the old law firm of the present PM Kim Campbell, presently prosecuting SLAPP suits against Walbran Protestors.

Ladner-Downs is also part of the giant international partnership of Osler Renault Ladner, a monster bracketing the resource industry at home and abroad. One of its senior partners is Brian Mulroney.

The cancer gnawing at our national gut, the inability to appreciate this country is run by pirates and thieves, will continue until we all wise up and decide to have the surgery.

John Shafer

Animal paranoia

Editors:

This summer, the movie *Free Willy* (which will probably have its title changed when it is released in England), has sparked many people to demand more rights to animals. While I am sure these people have good intentions, I can expect these headlines to eventually appear if their demands keep being met:

Riding Horses Now Illegal

Freed Dogs and Cats Plague Big Cities

McDonald's and Burger King Close - Mass Teen Unemployment

Freed Cattle Rapidly Falling To Predators And Starvation

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Endangered Species Breeding Zoos Closed - Animals Returned To Wild

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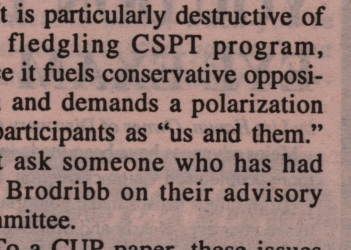
Today's Circus - Only 20 Minutes Long

Windows Illegal - Another Bird Protection Act

Morgan Felton



Orwell speaks

Editors:

By editorializing against some homogeneous "tenured male establishment" in the Political Science department, *Martlet* staff have cast themselves as firmly mainstream, echoing the sentiment of the *Times-Colonist* and *Globe and Mail*.

An alternative approach would be to delve into the diversity of the situation. This might uncover something truly interesting and worthy of a Canadian University Press paper - like the fact that, centered in Poli Sci, there has been an effort over the last decade to build the program in *Contemporary Social and Political Thought*.

It might surprise the *Martlet* to discover that many radical, progressive and feminist people affiliated with the CPST program and familiar with UVic Poli Sci feel the Chilly Climate Committee Report is doubleplusungood - poorly researched and executed, dogmatic and ultimately damaging to the learning environment.

It is particularly destructive of the fledgling CSPT program, since it fuels conservative opposition and demands a polarization of participants as "us and them." Just ask someone who has had Dr. Brodribb on their advisory committee.

To a CUP paper, these issues would be a story. Instead, the pipsqueak Martlet joins the current Orwellian two-minute hate, shouting indignation at dehumanized shadows on the screens of its Big Brothers.

E.A. Leeson

STUDENT VOICE

Do you feel like voicing your opinion? Here's your chance.

This is the Student Voice column. Here, students who are not staff members of The Martlet have a forum to present their opinion, feelings or judgement on any matter that interests them.

We recognize that not all students have the time or the desire to write for The Martlet. But everyone has ideas that they wish to share.

So voilà. This section is reserved for editorial pieces, poetry or any other style of writing. It is YOUR voice; how do you express it?

Our guidelines are:

A) Quality. Staff votes on which piece goes in, so delight us.

B) No libel. This column is designed to inform, not misinform students.

C) Submissions will follow Martlet policy. No racist, sexist or homophobic copy will be printed.

D) No anonymous submissions will be accepted unless staff determines that revealing identity will cause physical harm to the writer.

E) Length. Well, this is where Student Voice will be each week, so it has to fit in this box. That's around 400 words, so keep it short and to the point.

The deadline for Student Voice submissions is Friday noon. All submissions will be proofread but will only be edited with the author's permission.

Please include your name, student number and phone number with your submission.

The Martlet does not guarantee that all submissions will be published and reserves the right to reject any piece. ❑

Correction To UVSS Handbook

Page 170 incorrectly lists the telephone number for the Gordon Head Complex as 721-8311. In fact, it is the number for the University Bookstore. The correct number for the Gordon Head Complex is 721-3811.

Erratum

In the Sept. 9 Martlet [volume 33, number 2, page 3], it was incorrectly reported that UVSS chair Janetta Ozard voted in favor of transferring day care to the UVic Administration. According to the UVSS bylaws, the chair may only vote to break tie votes at BoD and General Meetings.

ON THE SPOT

We asked students at UVic these two questions:

a) Name the Seven Dwarves.

b) Name the UVSS Board of Directors.

Grey Taylor
Year 5,
Physical Education

Barb Bonsdorf
Year 5,
Early Childhood Education

a) Sleepy
Dopey
Doc
Bashful
Stupid
Grumpy
Happy

b) Joe Bob
John Doe

Sarah Backem
Year 2,
undeclared

Noah Pollard
Year 2, changing

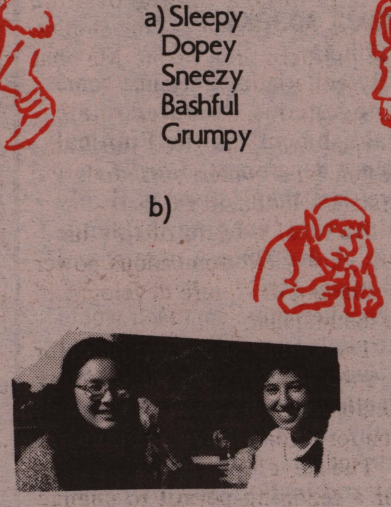
a) Snoopy
Sleepy
Blinky
Dopey
Sneezy
Moe

b) Keith Richards
Backem
Pollard
Meghan something

Tanna Spritz
Year 3, Theatre

a) Sleepy
Dopey
Sneezy
Bashful
Grumpy

b)



Angela Ing
Year 1,
History In Art

Jonna Hiebalachara
Year 1, History

a) Grumpy
Sleepy
Dopey
Grouchy

Sneezy
Droopy
Lazy
Crazy

b) Sleepy
Grouchy

Lisa
Librarian Assistant

Laurie
Librarian Assistant

a) Sneezy
Dopey
Grumpy
Happy
Doc
Flopsy
Mopsy
Sleepy

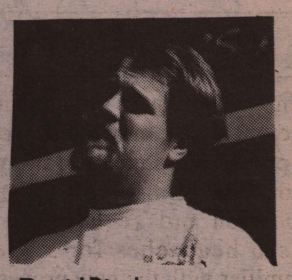
b) George Pringle
David Bigsby

Michaelagelo Simoy
Year 2,
Arts and Science

Richelle Kendal
Year 1,
Arts and Science

a) Dopey
Sneezy
Grumpy

b)



David Bigsby
Year 2, HINF
(UVSS director)

a) Dopey
Sneezy
Doc
Grumpy
Happy
Sleepy
Horny

b) Meghan Thompson
Matt Pollard
George Pringle
Janetta Ozard
David Bigsby
Nevin Thompson
Jacqueline Crummey
Miranda Duffy
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Brent Hamilton
Mike Gardiner
Jarek Olezscuk
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by Lizz Hanan, Owner of Discovery Optical Ltd.

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Computers cause student loan delays

by Jennifer Neale

In an attempt to create a more efficient and centralized system for processing student loan applications, the Ministry of Advanced Education and Technology has caused headaches for students unfamiliar with the new process.

The newly implemented system is designed to provide improved services to students. Now loan applications bypass their usual stop at Financial Aid Services and are sent directly to the ministry in hopes of eliminating one administrative step.

Once at ministry level, the application is run through a computer, a process which under normal conditions would take five days.

Nels Granewall, manager of UVIC's financial services, said this is where delays happen.

"Students who came to Financial Aid for help with their applications are having no problems," he said. "Problems are coming from students who are filling out their applications incorrectly."

Previously, Financial Aid could manually correct many mistakes students made on their applications. Ministry computers cannot deal with omitted or incorrect information.

Allan Strickland, spokesperson for the ministry's public relations department, claimed computers have been the cause of many delays.

"Once the computer reads missing or incorrect information, it produces a letter to the student requesting that omitted information," he said.

This delay obviously adds weeks to the process.

Also many students have not been able to inquire about the status of their loan application. This year, the ministry implemented a computerized 1-800 number for students to check the status of their loans.

But to retrieve any information, students needed not only their S.I.N., but their loan application number as well. "Some 70 per cent of students lost or misplaced their application number this year," Strickland said.

"This left them unable to access any information through the 1-800 number. They had to get hold of a person and that could take time," he said.

Strickland said some files were also delayed because of a computer glitch and had to be manually retrieved.

"Yet this number was only around 800 out of a total of some 31,600 applications, a very small percentage," said Strickland.

He added that to date, the Ministry has sent 22,000 notices of verification, whereas at this time last year they had only sent out 10,000.

Strickland advised students to next year keep their application numbers.❑

Band takes over child welfare from ministry

By Lyana Patrick

The Squamish Nation is again in control of its child welfare program in an agreement announced June 17.

"This is an important step towards the development of policies and services that better meet the needs of aboriginal children and their families," said Aboriginal Affairs Minister Andrew Petter, in a press release.

The agreement with the Ministry of Social Services provides a framework for the Squamish band to assume full responsibility for native child welfare services on the reserves. The band will also provide services to band members living off the reserve, if resources permit.

Ayas Men Men is the program implemented by the Squamish nation. "The program represents interim measures only. The intent is [for the Squamish] to achieve full jurisdiction under a child welfare law," said Judy Nutley, acting supervisor for Ayas Men Men. Nutley said the first three months of the program have operated well, and with fine-tuning, it will have positive results.

On June 17, Squamish band chair Les Harry said, "We will begin by providing prevention and family support services. Eventually we will take responsibility for investigating reports of children in need of protection and taking any required action."

Nutley said the program will create greater job opportunities for native people as well as provide valuable administrative experience.

The Ministry of Social Services signed earlier agreements with the Cowichan and Nu-Chah-Nulth nations. A similar framework agreement is being discussed with the Carrier Sekani Tribal Council.❑

Developers seize native land

by Pierre Smith

It is only a matter of time before the scheme for developing the northern area of the Malahat becomes a reality.

South Island Development Corporation purchased the Bamberton land, which surrounds the Malahat Nation, in 1990.

As legal owners of this land, they now yield tremendous power in shaping the future development of the Malahat.

The developers are waiting for a reply from the Cowichan Valley Regional District on their application for rezoning.

The developers are applying for a rezoning permit to change the area from industrial/forestry to light commercial and residential use.

"What we are doing is creating a small community that would behave in a sustainable manner," said Tony Boydell, Vice-President of strategic planning with J.D. Tait and Associates, the chief consultants of the project.

If the rezoning is approved developers will begin work on 4,900 units of housing, a town centre with retail stores, offices and restaurants. A resort hotel, a pub and marina will also be built.

Two separate village centres are part of the plan, and a possible eighteen hole golf course requiring the purchase of more land at the northern end of the property is being discussed.

Boydell said people have an understandably negative perception of developers, but this development will be different from usual.

"...would you build a grocery store in an aisle of a church?"

"This community would not be economically dependent upon a single resource" like the majority of small towns in British Columbia, Boydell argued.

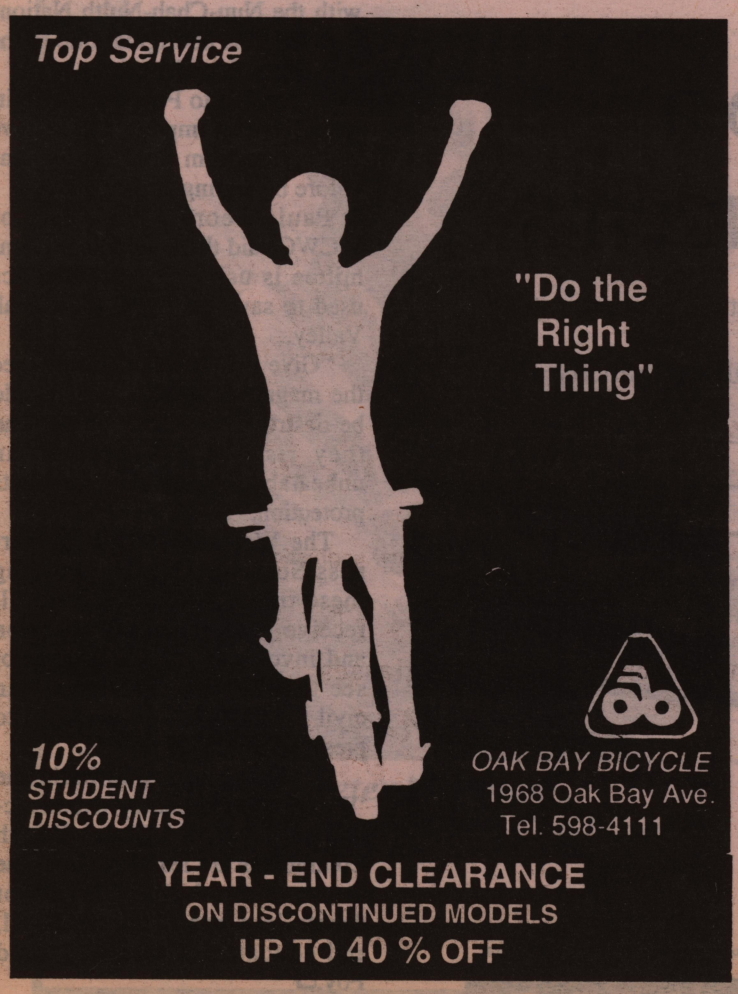
It would also not be dependent on commuting. The emphasis is on creating jobs within the community. The goal South Island Development Corporation is to have a community where the people live, work, play, have a better understanding and caring attitude towards their own environment.

Randy Daniels (Wa-tse-met), a representative of the Malahat First Nation says the aboriginal people are not willing to compromise their mountain.

Trying to stop development is not a new thing for the Malahat nation. Daniels points out the nation has also tried unsuccessfully to stop the old cement works from being built.

"We have been here for thousands of years," Daniels said. "The mountain is a sacred mountain to our people, would you build a grocery store in an aisle of a church?"

The Malahat First Nation along with six other tribes have recently filed a land claim called Hul-qua-mi-num to the Provincial 'government❑.



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BBQs and trike races WoW new students

by Rebecca Zarchikoff

With over 380 participants, the 1993 Week of Welcome is the most successful orientation program to date.

This action-filled week was especially designed to meet the needs of new students at UVic.

"For many students, the transition is often complicated by loneliness and isolation ... our aim is to help alleviate as many of the concerns as possible and ease the new students into university life," said Michael Butterfield, one of the program leaders.

The week was geared not only to the younger crowd, but also offered activities and programs to the more mature or non-traditional student.

Older student, 38 year old Tony Caueth said, "I felt out of place at the Early Bird Weekend, but at the Week of Welcome I felt like a team player. You have to make the most of these things."

Week of Welcome coordinator Susan MacDonald said,"We were surprised by the number of students who enrolled. We'd only expected about 200."

"The thing that really made the program work was the enthusiasm of the volunteers. We had over 60 people give up a lot of their spare time to make the new students welcome."

One of the most popular activities was the Commonwealth Games, with over 165 students participating in tricycle races and the ever popular dunk tank.

For newer students or those needing a hand, a course was offered in study skills. This included note taking, time management, lecture tips and other hints on minimizing stress.

As well, for mature students, there was a night set aside specifically for their information.

Although the week was a great success, it is hard for such large festivities to be carried off without a glitch.

"For many students, the transition is often complicated by loneliness."

"One black spot during the week was the cancellation of the UVSS Barbecue. The event was announced during the President's Barbecue on the Tuesday, but when we went to find it, it had been cancelled. This sort of thing does not create a good impression on new students," said Sara Wilson, one of the volunteers.

Matt Pollard, director of services, expressed his regret over the missed barbecue.

"We were scrambling to put it together and we didn't have the opportunity to get everything arranged before we scheduled it. For the university to put together a barbecue it can range from $6 a burger and up.

"The university can do that themselves but we didn't want to charge people that much or downsize it to cover expenses. The schedule was already out and we had no opportunity to change it. The corn on the cob barbecue as the replacement was posted," he said.

The final event of the week was a softball tournament on Sat. 11. The new students competed against the teams from various faculties and finished the day with pizza and prizes.❑

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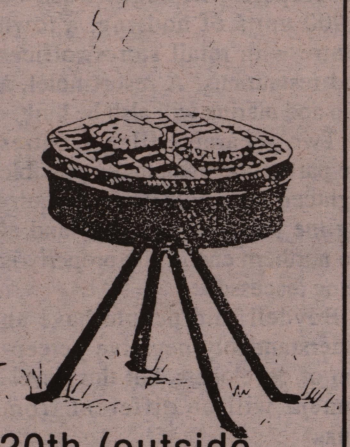
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New trail part of ultimate goal

by Julie Szabo

Clayoquot will soon be "witness" to a new trail.

In three weeks time, the Clayoquot Sound "Witness Trail", constructed by the Western Canada Wilderness Committee will be accessible to people wishing to experience and participate in the preservation of the old growth forest.

According to Joe Foy, member of WCWC, the construction of the trail ties in with WCWC's "ultimate goal to preserve the ancient, temperate rainforest and return the land to its rightful First Nations owners."

The "Witness Trail" construction, begun in May, has been completely funded by donations, and built entirely by volunteers organized by WCWC.

"The volunteers have cut 20 km of trail, and have put down the boardwalk for 3 km. In a few weeks, the boardwalk should be finished," said Foy.

The WCWC worked closely with the Nuu-Chah-Nulth Nations who hold the aboriginal title to the Clayoquot Sound area.

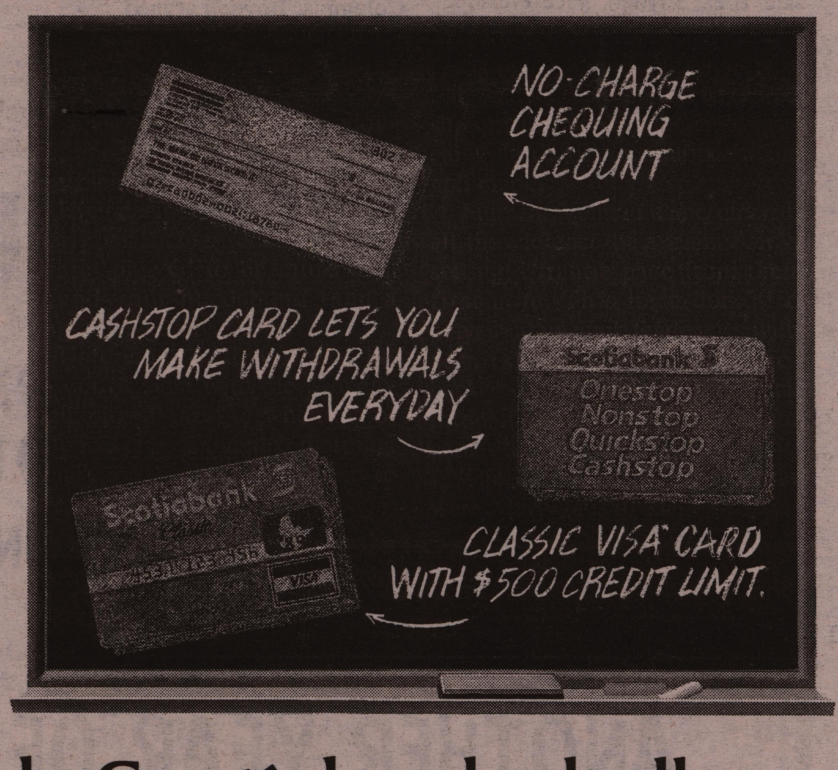
According to Foy, the Committee believed it important to receive permission from the First Nations before beginning construction.

Paul George, founder of WCWC said the Wilderness Committee is using the same tactics used to save the lower Carmanah Valley.

"Give people the chance to see the magnificent forest that would be destroyed by clearcutting, and they rise up and become an unbeatable tide of defense in its protection," said George.

The Western Canada Wilderness Society hopes by building these trails, the Clayoquot will receive positive media attention and involve citizens who do not see themselves participating in civil disobedience in the fight to preserve Clayoquot Sound.

"By volunteering to build the 'Witness Trail', and by experiencing the old growth forest, British Columbians are learning about the issues behind the Clayoquot debate in a hands on, practical, and educational manner," said Foy.❑



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Sweden buys US arms

A July 14 memo from US President Clinton to his Defense Secretary approved the US government sale of M-829 depleted uranium antitank ammunition to Sweden.

Ammunition of the same type is now leaking radiation in Iraq, as fall-out from the 1991 Gulf War.

The amount and price of the arms deal was not disclosed in the memo.

Presidential Documents

German women lose education

German reunification has resulted in a lower standard of living for many German women, says researcher Myra Marx Ferree. For example, Humboldt University went from graduating 62 per cent women in 1989 to graduating only 30 per cent in 1992.

Ferree also sees no immediate easing of German women's plight, as long as the "free" market rules over gender equality.

Political Science and Politics

From the Gaza Strip...

Monday saw the largest civil disobedience in the Middle East's recent history - one third of the Palestinians there stayed out after curfew to celebrate the new peace plan. However, the step between signing peace and implementing it is great indeed.

UNRWA, the United Nations refugee body which governs social services in Gaza, refused to hand over power to Palestinians at the Burayj camp because they felt no local group represented the whole population.

At the same time, the popular UN youth centers are closing, in an area where 70 per cent of the population is under 25.

Young Palestinians who strike back against Israeli occupation are severely punished, just ask 25-year-old Walid Aqel. The Islamic Resistance Movement's military leader was given 16 consecutive life sentences by an Occupation military court.

Journal of Palestinian Studies and Al Quds

Is military service liberating?

"How do you think serving in the military will bring about your civil rights?" asks the US group Queer People of Colour.

Q-POC cites the Korean War, Vietnam War, and Gulf War as examples of Hispanic and Black soldiers being distracted from civil-rights struggles at home, while dying for American imperialism abroad.

They add that poorer Americans are given an unfair choice between military service or underhousing, inadequate education and urban violence.

Q-POC says "It is time for us to come out of the closest against the military," and invites your responses. Write PO Box 1213, Claremont, CA, 91711, USA.

Queer People of Colour

Nigerian native people still struggling

Thousands of Igbo people, who fled Nigeria's large cities this summer fearing violence after the nulled election last Spring, are finding the return home unbearably difficult.

Taxes have been raised 300 per cent, and over 100 Igbo returnees have died so far in road accidents while driving home.

Many Nigerians are still expecting a rough ride, considering the military regime is refusing to recognize the elected government, which is socialist-democratic.

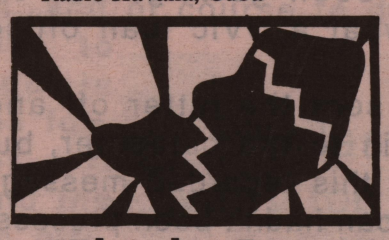
InterPress Service, APC

War continues in Angola

While Angolan soldiers freed 180 civilians kidnapped by the South African-supported guerrillas Unita, over 50 people were killed in crossfire between Unita and government forces.

Unita refuses to accept last year's internationally validated elections, which saw the Angolan government re-elected.

Radio Havana, Cuba



"Third Force" killing in South Africa

Contrary to popular assumption that violence in South Africa stems from "tribal clashes" and is no fault of the civilized whites, recent evidence shows otherwise.

A delegation of women from the United Church of Christ say every village they visited named a "third force" of white supremacist mercenaries who are largely responsible for the increase of violence in South Africa.

United Church of Christ

Bombing in Guatemala City

Guatemala's jurist association is the latest target of right-wing terrorists, who bombed the group's office Sept. 10. A women's group representing relatives of the disappeared had moved into the same office building two days before.

The Guatemalan Human Rights Commission asks people to urge Guatemala's president to investigate the crime and punish those responsible. Write President Ramiro de Leon Carpio, Palacio, Nacional, Guatemala, Guatemala. Fax (502-2) 537472.

Carnet Guatemala

Crude oil spill proves native peoples' worst fears

The native nations of Ecuador have long been fighting the ecological destruction of their lands, and now another disaster has struck.

On Sept. 7, 900 barrels of crude oil spilled in tropical rainforest land, due to an accident caused by the Texan Maxus Energy Corporation.

The corporation says they will clean it up, but are not yet listening to the native peoples of the area, who have been protesting foreign occupation for decades.

Rainforest Action Network

From Serbian rape camps to UN rape camps

UN peacekeepers support an underground economy based on teen-aged prostitutes, heroin smuggling, and luxurious dinners for the rich, according to a British investigative journalist.

Belgrade, Croatia is the centre of the smuggling, and the prostitution deals often take place in tanks and armored personel carriers, say shop owners and sex-trade workers.

The UN may not be able to deliver enough food, but after peacekeepers arrive at a city, a surplus of heroin arrives with them. Journalists are frequent patrons of sex and drugs, which may account for how little coverage the scandal has received.

Manchester Guardian

Eighty million dollars and no drugs

The North American Aerospace Defense Command is busy proving its worth in this post-Cold War era: they're spending $80 million per year in Colorado to monitor drug smugglers.

The only problem is, the radar equipment can't see anything smaller than a Soviet bomber, comparable to the size of a blue whale.

President Clinton did not target this expense for budget reduction.

The Progressive / The New York Times

Warmongers for peace

Russia's latest slogan to sell cheap fighter planes? "The guarantee for a peaceful sky."

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Bulletin of Atomic Scientists ❑

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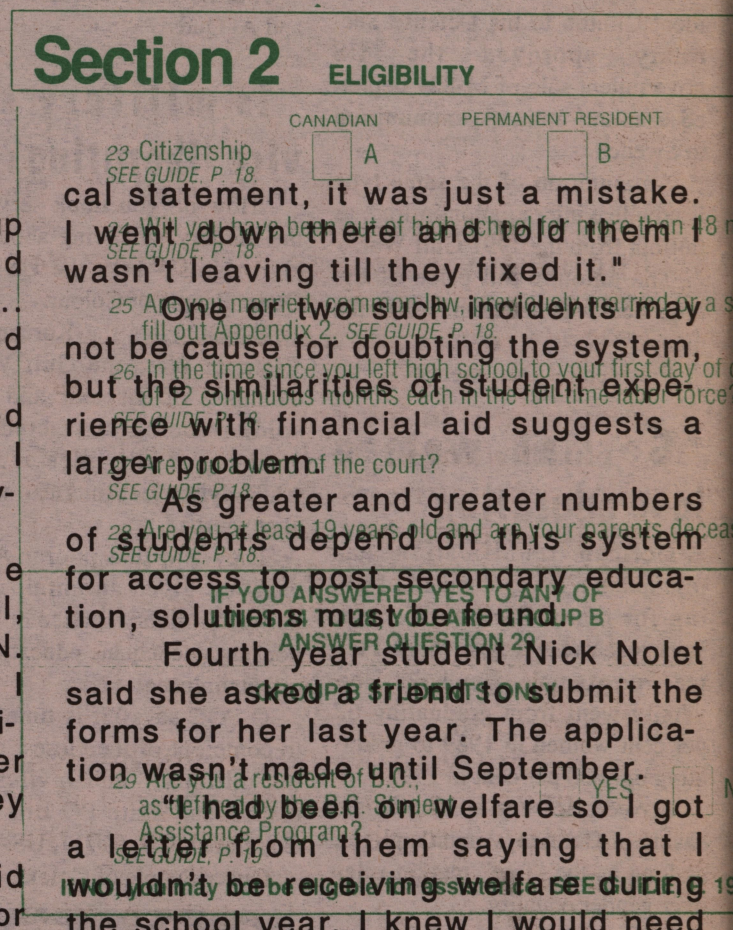


Letters, line-ups, phone calls, bullshit. Students struggling with part or full time jobs, classes and rising costs don't have time to battle bureaucracy.

For many, the costs of post secondary education are at best partially affordable - with financial aid. Forty per cent of British Columbia's post-secondary students depend on loans, yet student aid has dropped 41 per cent in real terms since 1973.

The last years have seen the slow death of government funding and aid programs. Not only is post-secondary education inaccessible, but the student financial aid programs created to remedy this are becoming equally inaccessible.

Most students on loans have at least one horror story to tell of delayed or rejected funding. The student loans program's unrealistic funding and income expectations add stress to already strained student lives.

The "people as numbers" approach to the loans program, with its myriad of forms and tables, has created nightmares of its own.

"I applied in mid-June ... nice and early for the first application date," said Allison Sivak, a third year creative writing/women's studies student. "I got a letter five weeks later saying my loan was incomplete.

"At first I didn't really get it, but then I found out it was all about a question on the loan applications that read 'Do you have any previous post secondary experience?'

"I figured they meant before my university program. In the letter they sent, there was no explanation, just if there was no reply, the loan would be cancelled in thirty days. It was really frustrating and unclear.

"Before I sent the letter off, I wanted to call and ask someone about my problem. It was just impossible to get through.

"It took me fucking forever, apparently the phones are hooked up to receive 1500 calls a day and they've been getting over 6000 ... that's what a UVic loan officer told me.

"I sent the letter off and tried calling in to the computer, but all I got was this recorded message saying my loan hadn't been processed.

"Then I got this letter at the end of August, right before school, saying there was an incorrect S.I.N. number on my application and if I didn't get the correct one my application would be cancelled in another thirty days. Why the hell didn't they just put it in the first letter?

"So, I mean, it's just a stupid system, it doesn't seem organized or co-ordinated to me. There's no point calling to ask, because you're not going to get through, and nobody's got any answers."

"It took me fucking forever, apparently the phones are hooked up to receive 1500 calls a day and they've been getting over 6000."

Other student have had similar problems with forms and bureaucracy.

Carolynn Van de Vyvere said she first applied for a loan in May 1992. She checked back in September 1992 and it wasn't in.

"In the middle of September they told me there'd been a computer error and 800 loans were lost. The loans wouldn't be in till October 16.

"I told them I had to pay tuition and asked for an emergency loan, but they said I couldn't get an emergency loan unless I had paid my tuition.

"This year I applied in April and checked back every month to make sure everything was still OK. That's the only reason I found out in July they had stopped processing my loan. They told me they had intended to send me a letter in September.

"The problem was I had not filled out the Miss, Mrs. or Ms. part of the form. It wasn't even a political statement, it was just a mistake. I went down there and told them I wasn't leaving till they fixed it."

One or two such incidents may not be cause for doubting the system, but the similarities of student experience with financial aid suggests a larger problem.

As greater and greater numbers of students depend on this system for access to post secondary education, solutions must be found.

Fourth year student Nick Nolet said she asked a friend to submit the forms for her last year. The application wasn't made until September.

"I had been on welfare so I got a letter from them saying that I wouldn't be receiving welfare during the school year. I knew I would need this letter to receive aid, but the woman at the loans office said I didn't need this letter.

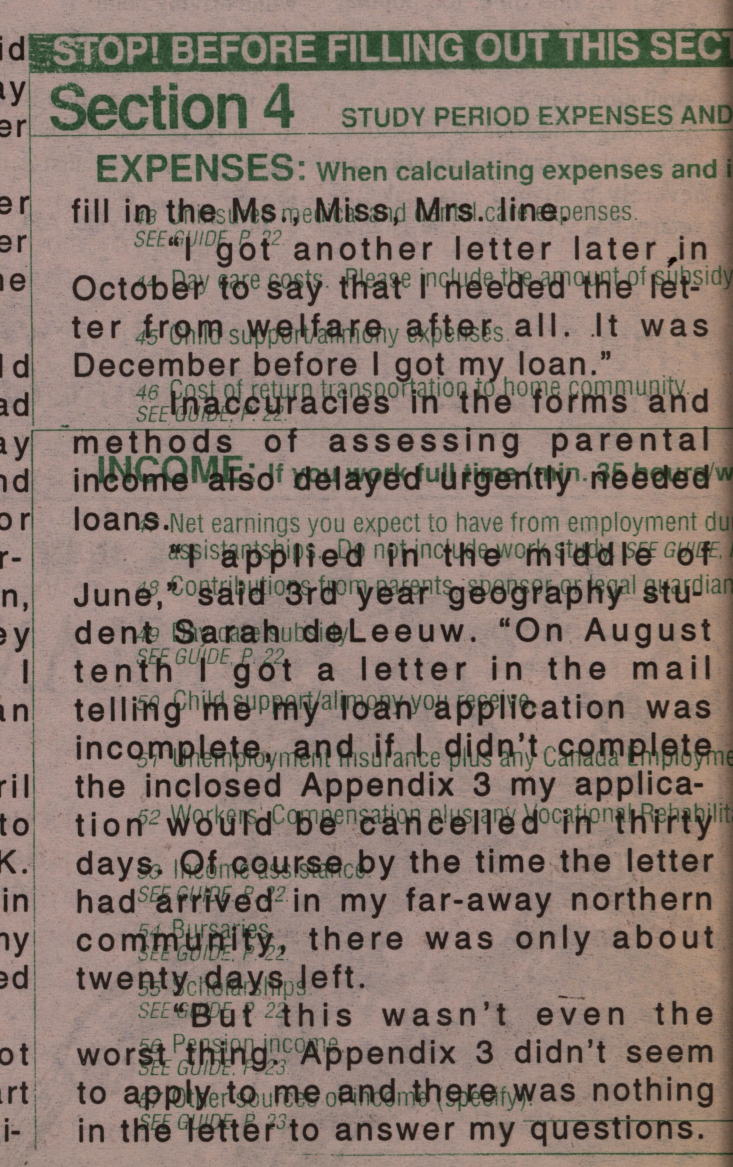
"I got a letter in the middle of October to tell me I had forgotten to fill in the Ms., Miss, Mrs. line.

"I got another letter later in October to say that I needed the letter from welfare after all. It was December before I got my loan."

Inaccuracies in the forms and methods of assessing parental income also delayed urgently needed loans.

"I applied in the middle of June," said 3rd year geography student Sarah deLeeuw. "On August tenth I got a letter in the mail telling me my loan application was incomplete, and if I didn't complete the inclosed Appendix 3 my application would be cancelled in thirty days. Of course by the time the letter had arrived in my far-away northern community, there was only about twenty days left.

"But this wasn't even the worst thing. Appendix 3 didn't seem to apply to me and there was nothing in the letter to answer my questions.



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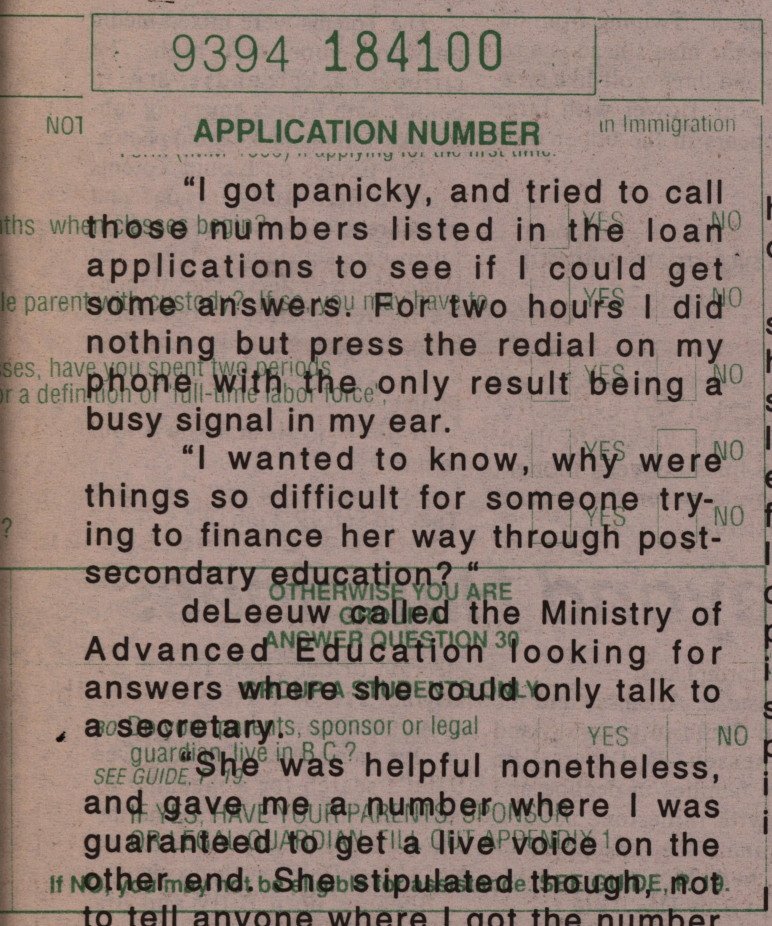


This Form Is To Be Filled Out By The Applicant

Student Loans Horror

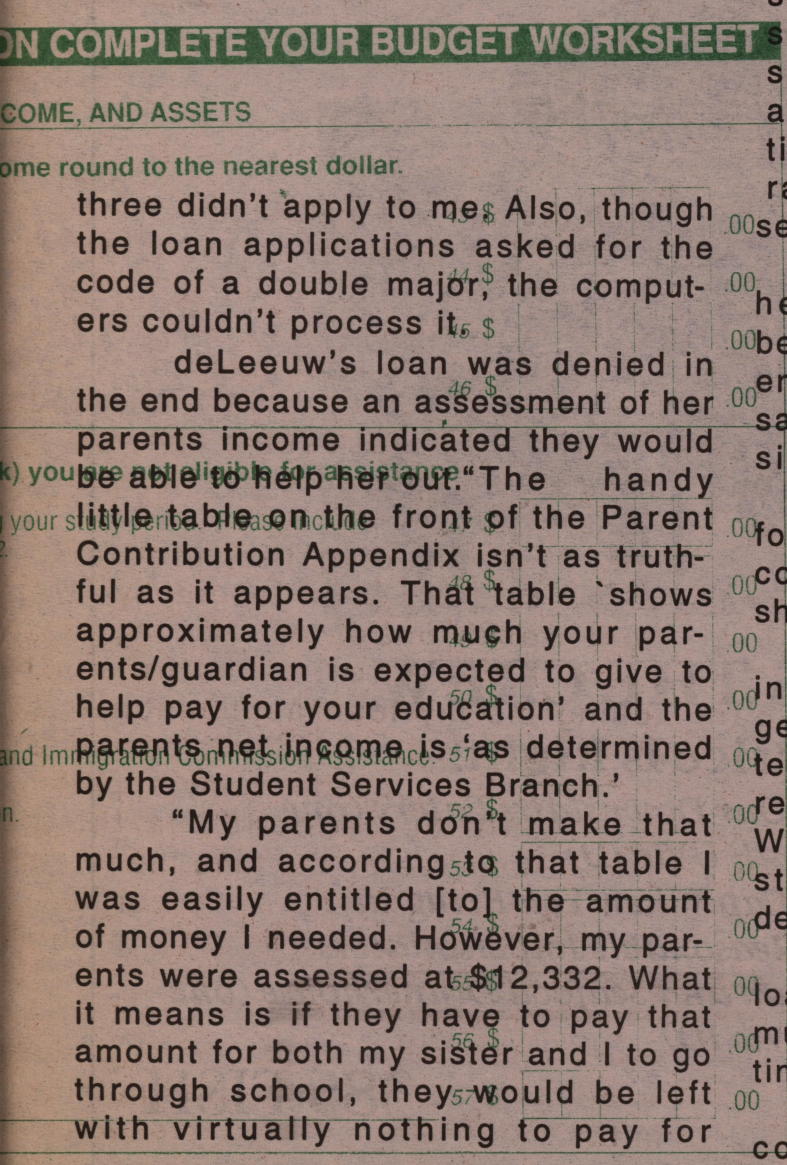
"I got panicky, and tried to call those numbers listed in the loan applications to see if I could get some answers. For two hours I did nothing but press the redial on my phone with the only result being a busy signal in my ear.

"I wanted to know, why were things so difficult for someone trying to finance her way through post-secondary education?"

deLeeuw called the Ministry of Advanced Education looking for answers where she could only talk to a secretary.

"She was helpful nonetheless, and gave me a number where I was guaranteed to get a live voice on the other end. She stipulated though, not to tell anyone where I got the number from. Her last words to me were 'don't worry too much, we've being having a number of 'computer glitches.'

"[Then I found out] Appendix



three didn't apply to me. Also, though the loan applications asked for the code of a double major, the computers couldn't process it.

deLeeuw's loan was denied in the end because an assessment of her parents income indicated they would be able to help her out. "The handy little table on the front of the Parent Contribution Appendix isn't as truthful as it appears. That table `shows approximately how much your parents/guardian is expected to give to help pay for your education' and the parents net income is 'as determined by the Student Services Branch.'

"My parents don't make that much, and according to that table I was easily entitled [to] the amount of money I needed. However, my parents were assessed at $12,332. What it means is if they have to pay that amount for both my sister and I to go through school, they would be left with virtually nothing to pay for house payments, car loans and their own living costs. It's ridiculous!

"I decided to appeal the decision, and of course to do that you have to stand in lines forever. [I found the loan officer] patronizing, and sexist. He immediately assumed the parent who was making the higher income was my father, when really it's mum.

"He kept on saying he was sure I could sympathize with his situation. I felt like telling him there was no way I could sympathize with someone pulling about $80,000 a year, when I didn't even have a place to live at the time."

> "Her last words to me were ,'don't worry too much, we've been having a number of computer glitches'."

Other barriers are created by a system that does not recognize personalized aspects of poverty. Abusive home life situations, disability, and poverty created by discrimination on the basis of class, gender, race and/or sexual orientation are seldom considered.

Van de Vyvere said a friend of hers couldn't get a student loan because of her parents income. Parents must write to the government to say they will not help pay for university.

"Her father beat her repeatedly for years and there was no way she could ask him to write this letter.so she couldn't get a loan."

Nolet can also testify to the inflexibility of the loan system. To get a loan, students must be registered in full time course work. Currently this is 3 courses a semester. What this means is single parent students and other part-time students have even less access to loans.

Proposed changes to the federal loans system may expand the maximum allowable loan amount for part-time assistance.

"[The previous] year I failed a course," she said, "but I thought since I was registered in enough courses over the whole year that I was still consi
dered full time. I got a letter in July, after having applied for student loans this year again, saying that I had fraudulently used student loan money and owed the federal government $3000 and the B.C. government $300", said Nolet.

"I couldn't get a loan for the fall till I had paid this back. They said I had 3 months to appeal but by the time I received the letter I didn't have time to appeal.

"I am also trying to get legal disabled status, so I can't work full time. I now have to work two jobs full time with a disability just to stay in school and pay rent, food, tuition, student loan repayments and save enough money to finish school."

"The thing that really got me," said deLeeuw, "was the fact he was so negative about me appealing my loan. I was under the impression student loans officers were there to help students, not dissuade them from what is in their best interest.

"One actually told me he didn't think it was worth my while to appeal the loan, and I should think about getting a loan through the Bank of Montreal. I mean who does the guy work for?"

What all this adds up to is a system which adds more work and stress to students already living below the poverty line. Unfortunately, the UVic Financial Aid office was unable to comment on these stories. Despite the assistance of the university telephone operator, I was unable to contact a single person in the aid office. The only responses were recorded messages.

"I think education is a right," said Nolet."It shouldn't be loans, it should be grants. One of the biggest forms of oppression is taking away your education which is what the Canadian government is doing to us."

by Theresa Newhouse

ARTS

Shapes shift at XChanges

by Adrienne Mercer

The ominous black and green forest scene could have been adopted from last week's nightmare.

The figures emerging from the gloom are almost recognizable, but their outlines are twisted and their hollow eyes unnerving. There is a wolf, a bear, a deer, and a male.

But not quite. These are not images of creatures, but images of images - the kind that lurk just beyond your peripheral vision.

"Mutable Misfits" is one of many images in Mitchell Wiebe's latest exhibit, *Shape Shifting in a Tupperware Forest*, at Xchanges gallery until Oct. 2.

Wiebe's work is mesmerizing. His images are like the bad dreams of a young child, shadows creeping behind the wallpaper. Like these demons, Wiebe's work is mentally straining but familiar.

A constant in many of the paintings is a colorful, vertically striped background. The combination of animal and human shapes on these backgrounds, combined with a blending of eclectic shapes and ideas is powerful

One experiences a feeling of deja vu when drawn into the layers of Wiebe's work. Even the rollicking beat of the Beatles' "Hey Jude" album over the gallery speakers failed to diffuse the intensity of the experience.

In his artist's statement, Wiebe said "This current work continues my project of incorporating the visual experiences and environments of my personal history (rec room aesthetics) with ideas of mutability and transfiguration. I am searching for an internal logic in this process-oriented work."

Wiebe's images work as a unit. Each compliments and intensifies the others.

"Bark" shows a man's face with one wild, red eye and fiercely clenched teeth. Twining from the area above the man's head is a set of antlers and three wolf-like creatures. A pink flower with large petals appears in the upper right corner.

"It is a nightmare without refuge."

The images are unnerving and threatening, but very expressive. They force the viewer to think about the lines between thought and reality, between the internal and the external.

Wiebe's work has similarities with totems, and the interconnectedness of the creatures on them. Coincidentally, the final paintings are "Liquid Totems 1, 2 and 3."

The Totems were mixed media on wood, about 6 ft. high. The striped backgrounds vary in colour, with figures emerging subtly, like developing Polaroid photos.

The figures on Liquid Totems 1 and 2 were softly blended and non-threatening, while the third totem exposed fangs, claws, and knife-sharp antlers. The humanish figure is barely recognizable here, its eyes so hollowed they could have been bored out with a gimlet.

It is a nightmare without refuge.

Xchanges Gallery is open Tues. to Sat. 12-4 pm.❑

Artists get active

by Leah Szabo

British Columbian artists showed their strength by heading to Clayoquot Sound Sept. 13.

"I think we are going to the blockades to show support and to be with Robert Bateman in his endeavours to save Clayoquot," said Gloro Levitt, a Victoria visual artist.

Two buses left Victoria Monday evening, stopping in Crofton to pick up Saltspring artists and in Nanaimo to pick up artists from Vancouver.

Organizers expected over 100 Artists to attend, said a volunteer co-ordinator of the trip.

The artists of all disciplines came from Victoria, Vancouver, Tofino, Courtney, Denman Island, and Saltspring. Many of the artists have also been active in the Carmanah and other environmental projects.

Taking part in the trip is well-known British Columbian artist, Robert Bateman. Bateman decided to attend the blockade on his own, but was later approached by other interested artists who labelled the project "Artist's Day."

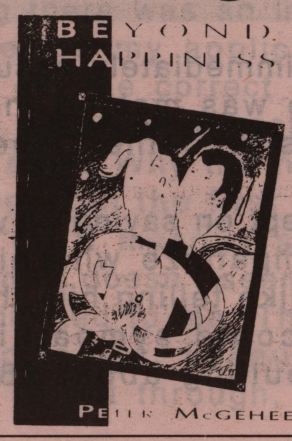
Bateman spoke and gave a slide show at the camp on the Monday night and then moved on to the blockade Tuesday.

Although the artists were only able to spend one day at Clayoquot, they hoped that it would make some sort of impact in the public eye.

LeRoy Jensen, Saltspring figure painter and organizer of the trip said "We're mainly going up to show spirit of solidarity with the people. From my point of view, it's time we showed respect and admiration for those who have been at the camp from the start."

The artists did not intend to attract people to the cause simply by bringing big names to the blockades. Instead, they hoped the public would be made aware of their stance on the issue of clearcut logging, and to show support of those who protest the Clayoquot decision.❑

Book goes *Beyond Happiness*



by Brett Grubisic

Beyond Happiness
by Peter McGehee
Coteau Books, $9.95, 63pp.

Canada does not figure too prominently in Peter McGehee's 1983 book, *Beyond Happiness*, recently reissued by Saskatchewan's Coteau Books. Yet when it does, it exists as a temperate land with handsome, blue-eyed men offering asylum for Americans who cannot live in their own birthplaces.

It is instead, Arkansas and the American South in general, land of Tennessee Williams-like grotesque families in decline and poodles with rhinestone collars, that dominate the psychic landscape of both McGehee and his protagonist Billy Dee Belle.

The eleven brief vignettes (you imagine them delivered rapidly like stand-up comic monologues) comprising *Beyond Happiness* have a manic quality which barely cover the profound sadness.

The stories have energy and wit, it is true, but the comedy is intertwined with woefully described family rejection, lost love, bitter divorce, and death.

In "White Woman Turns Black," for example, a racist aunt's suicide attempt is interrupted, but not before "a peculiar reaction had taken place" and her skin had turned black.

Even after she has died she is pursued by relentless irony: her funeral is disturbed by an impromptu parade celebrating the election of her city's first black mayor.

At their most basic, the stories involve themselves with Billy Dee Belle's search for a meaning of happiness that extends beyond the convention-bound proprieties of his "Mother Dear" and her society.

Because both Billy and his mother discover that he is gay at an early age this search is not without its obstacles. Billy is sent to psychiatrists, on dates with 'suitable' girls, and at a later age, is told his kind of person is not welcome in the family.

Billy eventually leaves his home and later his state searching for what he has been unable to find. After years in California he meets "radiant" Dennis from Saskatoon.

In the final story of the collection,"Beyond Happiness," he realizes en route to Canada that he has discovered the happiness he has dreamed about. He has, as he says, found a mask that is truly his; he is beyond his mother's 'proper' happiness.❑

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Forms hook meaning to *The Disrupted Body*

by Nick Nolet

Beautiful art is now redundant.

The mind suffers too easily the paralysis of apathy and boredom when it's confronted with lazy suburban middle-aged trite which is housed parasitically in Victoria art galleries.

In order to work, art must challenge, evoke,and re-work the institutions of thought and idea. Art has the responsibility to reinterpret aspects of our existence. A tall order?

Not only has Frances Benton and Linda Giles' Art Gallery of Greater Victoria sculpture exhibition, *The Disrupted Body* , fulfilled this dictum, but it has created a disturbing text upon which the physiological and psychological tensions of the body are represented.

Benton's focus on physiological damages upon the body generated from within resonates in "Melanoma."

Benton reworked a rubber skirt of a hovercraft to a skin-like quality, inverting the dark on light quality of melanoma-mottled flesh by attaching small silver objects on the surface.

The sun, something that once gave pleasure, is now a threat of disease.

The irreparable body is a theme of Benton's work. AIDS, sex, and disease leave the body irreparably altered. Sex is now equated with death.

The sexual body is now toxic, to be handled with rubbersuits, masks, drugs and paraphernalia of medicine. Pleasure is fleeting, barely permissible.

Enter the age of technology. The body is objectified further by fostering the view that the body is a sum of its parts, all transportable and transferable.

"Each organ becomes objectified by the act of transplantability. We are left with a dysfunctional model of infinite renewal by obsessive replacement," said Benton.

Her works are replete with reconstructions of found objects: contorted, divided, and transplanted. Benton takes on death with scientific precision.

"There is legal permission for people with totally nonfunctioning bodies to self terminate," said Benton. "Do we now redefine death as altered body functions?"

Linda Giles attacks the images of the body as seen in society. Giles uses the relatively undamaged found objects in constructions which are at times embarrassing, confrontational, disruptive, dysfunctional and humorous.

Her work is concerned with the psychology in objects, and the relationships imposed by their placement, as indicative of the ones in society.

Her most haunting work is an impermanent construction of two galvanized metal doors side by side with two transparent bathing suit forms hanging on metal brackets. On the floor are two salmon colored metal sinks.

The juxtaposition of the headless, limbless models over the empty sinks is horrifying. A sink is a vessel to be filled. The models are on brackets resembling hooks.

It is hard not to associate this image with the transient female image in the media.

"How is attraction constructed - by whom and for whom? This leads to a larger concern I have about societal sexual/gender issues that are held in place by an obsessive fixation on appearances," said Giles.

Benton's and Giles' sculpture challenges the viewer to confront social and medical dilemmas. It is a deeply affecting installation which completely disrupted the mind and heart.

It is the most relevant, important art exhibited in years.

The Art Gallery of Greater Victoria is located at 1040 Moss St. For information call 384 4101.❑

Local bands showcase alternative talent

by Paul van Nieuwkuyk

Summer may be officially over, but a number of local alternative bands are keeping the heat cranked up.

Harpo's showcased three Victoria bands Monday night in front of a boisterous audience.

Giblet took the stage first and warmed up the crowd with several high-energy numbers. Sounding like The Tragically Hip meet the Dead Milkmen, they managed to entice only a few hearty patrons onto the dance floor. Giblet's drummer was especially passionate, and appeared to lose weight by the end of the set.

High decibels rendered most of the lyrics incomprehensible, but Giblet proved to be more of a pound-your-head band than a sing-along group anyway.

Unfortunately, they were a little out of sync with the Monday night crowd, most of whom probably had classes the next morning. Watch for them on a weekend or after a final exam.

Gadget appeared after a brief intermission to deliver a robust session of bass-driven funk-grunge.

A nimble fingered Peter Spriggs gave a clinic in bass wizardry, delighting the audience with meaty rhythms and a cohesive groove.

Many were drawn to the stage by the band's rendition of "Bucket of Shit" - a meaningless song-endearing by its sheer irreverence, the way one might be drawn to Mozart on the kazoo.

Gadget's performance was tight and sincere, and the audience showed its appreciation in a typical Victoria demonstration of the golf clap.

Pigment Vehicle came on with all the violence of a train wreck, setting a frantic pace from their first note. This hard-core trio played up its punk tendencies with admirable ferocity. The bare-backed drummer played with such intensity that he had to ask for cooler lights!

The guitarist and bass-player were whirlwinds on stage, sustaining a near-epileptic pace for the better part of an hour.

Somewhat stunned by this musical barrage, the crowd took their time in getting into the groove, but became convinced by the band's insistent and infectuous beat.

By the end of the evening, the floor was jammed and the jostling intense.

An unrelenting crowd encouraged Pigment Vehicle to perform an encore which was just enough to satisfy the most ardent moshers near the stage.

Alternative talent abounds in Victoria, and much of it can be f· ·nd at Harpo's. Watch for Shutdown and Shiner September 20.

Admission runs between $4 and $6 at the door, and valid student ID always gets you a $1 off.❑

Twins live in black and white

by Stacey Shelby

My Twentieth Century is a black and white Hungarian film likely to upset a few feminists, despite brilliant cinematography and visual images.

The story is about twin sisters born in Budapest in the late 1800s. They are orphaned and struggle to survive the winter by selling matches. On Christmas Eve the girls are separated when two men steal them from their homes.

The sisters, Dora and Lili (both played by Dorotha Segda) grow-up, each having found their own way to survive.

Dora is a rich con-artist who seduces men without discrimination. Lili is an impoverished anarchist who proves as much a failure with seduction as with bombing.

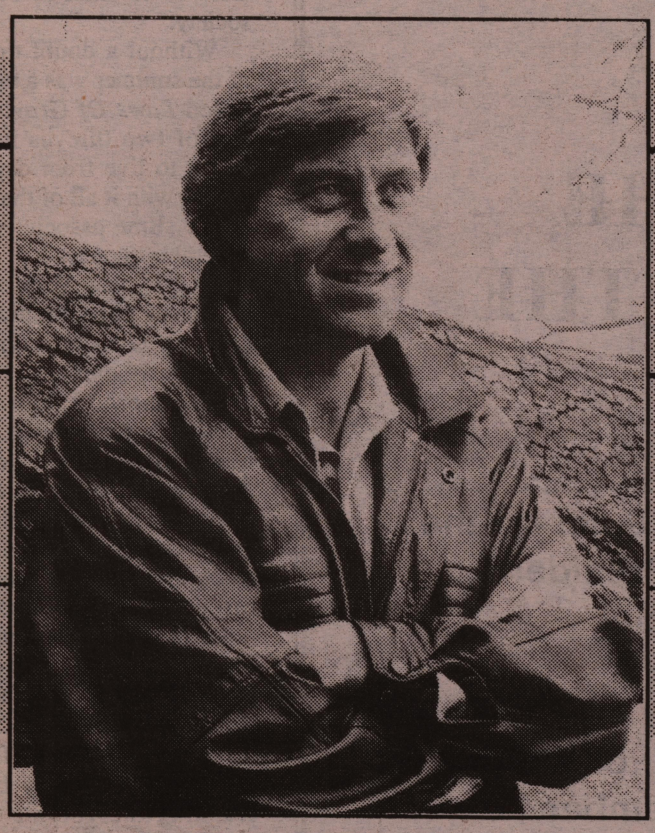
Then there is the suave male character who unwittingly manages to have a love affair with both of the sisters.

Dora meets him on a train and sneaks into his cabin in the middle of the night for a fling. They never exchange names. From a woman's perspective, it's an unimpassioned scene.

Lili, ignorant of what happened on the train, comes back to this man after having left him. They have their first sexual encounter. Timidly, she confesses her embarrassment, but the insensitive lover commands her to strip.

Director Ildiko Enyedi's camerawork won the Cannes Festival's Camera D'or. Enyedi adds visual stimulus with symbols throughout the movie. Steam, dogs, and talking stars are a few of the unique images.

The show will be playing at the Roxy until Thursday. Sept. 16. Cost is $5 for students, show times are 7:15 and 9:15 p.m.❑



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Summer cinema big budget busts

Matthew Ramsey

Summer is a tumultuous time. Many things can happen in the short four months making up the typical university summer break that changes lives, alters personalities, and radically affects the way we live.

For the motion picture industry summer is the best time to flaunt their wares. It is typical for major studios like Warner Brothers, Universal and Columbia to release big budget star studded features. They are guaranteed to have a receptive and somewhat stress-free audience attending.

We'll start with the worst. Without a doubt the biggest flop of the summer, both financially and stylistically, was *Last Action Hero.*

Not even Arnold's pumping biceps and ridiculous one liners could save this lemon. Even as a social commentary on the effects of films on children the movie fell staggeringly short of acceptable.

Arnold's desire for non-violence in *Last Action Hero* even alienated its twelve year old male target audience. It was and is completely unbelievable that someone can fire a machine gun into a car for thirty seconds without killing anyone in it.

Boring plot line, sickly sentimentalism, the stupid kid and fake looking explosions destroyed the film.

Now on to bigger and better things. Perhaps the best high budget movie of the summer was *The Fugitive* starring Harrison Ford. The fun begins fast and just does not stop.

Ford does an excellent job portraying the frenzied escapee, while Tommy Lee Jones is fantastic as the obsessed and brutally dedicated Marshall in hot pursuit.

The plot is accurate in its portrayal of immensely powerful corporations that put the value of the dollar over that of human life by selling us defective and harmful products like thalidomide, agent orange, silicon breasts and Starkist tuna.

Falling in behind *The Fugitive* is *Jurassic Park.* Admittedly the film has no plot.

The real stars of *Jurassic Park* are not the players but the beasts. What a nasty bunch of critters they are! The velociraptors were the most expensive aspect of the special effects budget, and it shows in their movements and meticulous detailing.

Unfortunately, like most of Speilberg's other films, *Jurassic Park* is like a two hour commercial, with some sequences blatant in their desire to sell movie-related products.

What *Jurassic Park* does do well is force its viewers to question whether it is desirable to have genetic technology fall into the hands of hyper-rich individuals and what the results of manipulation may be.

For a little mindless comedy, check out *Groundhog Day* with Bill Murray. The plot is simple but there is a kind of charm to this movie.

The repeated suicide attempts of Murray are hilarious, like when he drops a toaster in his bath water and fries like cheap bacon.

Murray is the same poker faced cynical womanizer as in most of his films, so if you like him you'll like *Groundhog Day.*

Another good video release was *The Bad Lieutenant*, starring Harvey Keitel. Keitel plays an asshole cop, drug addicted fuck, loser, slimy piece of shit with such skill that within the first 15 minutes my sympathy for the wretched man was gone and I wanted him dead.

The Bad Lieutenant makes its audience feel slimy, dirty, and perhaps even embarrassed that such horrible individuals are allowed to exist in our "modern society."

Without a doubt the best film of the summer was a video release called *Laws Of Gravity.* It is the tale of two thieves in Brooklyn trying to live from day to day. It carries with it all of the grit and all of the slime associated with that venerable career.

Shot in New York on a modest budget of thirty thousand dollars, *Laws Of Gravity* is spellbinding. Tension is cleverly raised, and nastier more violent characters introduced until you can't help but feel tremendous pity for the lead, Jimmy, who is inextricably wrapped up in the whole mess.

There are no special effects, no recognizable names, no blood; just intense scenes following each other in perfect symmetry, allowing glimpses into the characters' psyches and the plight of urban slum dwellers.

Laws Of Gravity flows as if someone is slowly but surely cranking the volume on a huge stereo until it blasts you from your seat, and you are forced to ask whether it was live or rehearsed.

Laws Of Gravity is playing at Cinecenta on Oct. 12 at 7:15 and 9:15 p.m. Check it out.❑

Magic letters discovered in attic

by Andrea Beardsley

The Golden Mean
by Nick Bantock
Raincoast Books
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"Bring your angel wings," writes Griffin to Sabine. This advice should be kept in mind by everyone planning to read this mystical book.

The Golden Mean, In Which The Extraordinary Correspondence of Griffin and Sabine Concludes, is the final chapter in a trilogy of novels that began with the introduction of *Griffin and Sabine.*

The correspondence soon grew and was followed by a passionate romance, and quest for self-discovery in *Sabine's Notebook.*

In *The Golden Mean*, the two protagonists face their final challenge: finding each other.

Dealing with magical difficulties, such as parallel universes and fading telepathy, Griffin and Sabine seem cursed with circumstances beyond their control.

The novel does not take place in the characters' homes of England and the South Pacific. Instead the story is set in their minds.

We know of them only what they know of each other, as the novel is simply a reproduction of their correspondence.

For those who have not yet experienced the wonder of Nick Bantock's series of books, they offer the unique feature of postcards created by the two characters, and letters that can be taken out of envelopes to be read.

When reading this book, the sense of reading someone else's mail is striking, like a box of letters discovered in an attic.❑

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Writers fight the power

by Chris Vance

Struggle for the Land
by Ward Churchill
$17.95
Between the Lines (Toronto), 1992

Native American Testimony
by Peter Nabokov
$18.99
Penguin Books, 1991

Surviving as Indians
by Menno Boldt
$19.95 paper/ $55.00 cloth
University of Toronto Press, 1993

Tired of the supposedly rebellious new paradigm of never-ending analysis and make-believe consensus? If so, check out some real action - the struggle of native nations for justice and de-colonization.

In his book *Struggle for the Land*, Ward Churchill outlines numerous nations who are fighting for survival. The Lubicon Lake Cree in northern Alberta are given ample coverage, with more historical context than the Globe and Mail has ever been able to muster.

Churchill, an active American Indian Movement (AIM) member, is extremely successful at conveying facts with a sense of personal feeling and connection.

Churchill goes beyond describing the problem, he also explains the causes and possible solutions that are conveniently silenced by official government procedures - in order to maintain colonial profits.

"Native people need to fully participate in Canadian society..."

Churchill says the Lubicon Lake Cree - and other native nations - need non-natives to recognize and respect human rights.

Churchill's words are clear, as is his message: non-native authority must get out of the way and acknowledge native sovereignty. And as chapters like "Radioactive Colonization" and "The Water Plot" explain, the price of colonialism is everyone's demise.

Struggle is available through Between the Lines, a cutting-edge, risky publisher worthy of support.

A broader look at native struggle can be found in *Native American Testimony*, a brilliantly arranged collection of writings and speeches by different nations.

Testimony is an important break from the overbearing non-native monopoly on writing about native issues. Hopefully, professors of Native Studies classes will take heed.

Editor Peter Nabokov went through years of research to find the invaluable pieces collected in Testimony.

Nabakov also supplements the work of the Native writers with his own well-documented essays. Thankfully, Nabakov inserted his own findings in a complimentary manner.

Surviving as Indians by Menno Boldt starts strong, but loses many of its principles by the conclusion.

Boldt begins with a thorough examination of the injustices of colonial Canada, and leaves the reader wondering how our government dares to deny its human rights abuses.

photo by UPI/Bettman News

A catalyst of 1970's Native American activism was the AIM takeover of Wounded Knee, South Dakota.

It is only in Boldt's rejection of native sovereignty that he falters. Somehow, he argues, native peoples would be isolated and impoverished by sovereignty. Instead, native people need to fully participate in Canadian society until they magically become middle-class, happy-go-lucky Indian-canucks.

Boldt is the most academically articulate of the authors, but one might wonder how he comes to his conclusions with seemingly little native influence.

Over all, the three books support a recognition that beyond splendorous universities and trendy night clubs lies a fourth world inexorably tied to our own.

Curious paintings grip Maltwood audience

by Shauna Connell

Sonia Eckhardt-Gramatte blows in on a breeze then comes down like a black cloud of thunder. She listens. She composes. She rests amongst anemones.

She is the subject of *27 x Sonia*, the University of Victoria Maltwood Gallery's exhibition by German Expressionist Walter Gramatte.

In nearly all of the portraits, the face of the late Russian composer Sonia Eckhardt-Gramatte dominates the canvas. She married Gramatte in 1920 and was a catalyst for his experiments with different media. He used diverse media widely to convey the themes and feelings abounding in his works.

There are six watercolors floating with cool blue tones and soft brush strokes. They show Sonia among flowers, writing at a table, and lounging on her bed, pictures of mellow afternoons and lazy Sundays.

In contrast, the angular and tense etchings, lithographs, and woodcuts are in a sterile black and white. They focus on the composer's face and its mosaic wall of expressions. Through Gramatte's observant hand we see sadness in "The Listening Woman," to determination in "Girl Playing Violin."

Curiosity gripped the audience as Sonia skips from being a passionate musician to an idle observer nestled among lilacs. "They [the portraits] show her at very vulnerable times, when you're most yourself, when you can't put on an act," noted a fellow observer.

The audience senses a very real woman beneath the glass. A woman represented with a wide appeal to be enjoyed by artists, musicians, scholars,or anyone needing a quiet refuge among the frenzy of line-ups in the University Centre.

Both the artist and subject have died, yet their memory has been preserved by Sonia's second husband Dr. Ferdinand Eckhardt. After retiring as director of the Winnipeg Art Gallery, he founded the Eckhardt-Gramatte Foundation, which has co-sponsored this show.

See it for yourself at the University's Maltwood Gallery from Sept. 7 through Oct. 17. Gallery hours are Mon. to Fri. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., and Sun. noon - 4 p.m.❑

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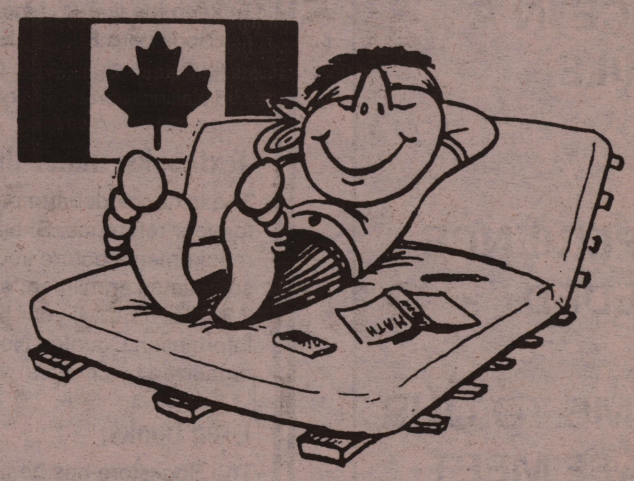

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Vikes tour France, return from agony of defeat

by Michael Butterfield

The 1993 Vikes rugby team kicked off the new school year with a tour of France.

In the last three weeks of August, the UVic Vikes tackled some of the best teams in France.

Though the two wins and four losses were disappointing, the experience gained by the international competition was invaluable for the young squad.

"Head coach Dave Docherty took his team to France with the hope of establishing a platform for the Vikes on which to build on in their upcoming season," said Ty Whittaker, athletic event supervisor for UVic Athletics and Recreation.

What the Vikes met was strong opposition. The French sides were characterized by highly focussed aggressive players.

The French players also had a size advantage, as some were over 20 pounds heavier than their UVic counterparts.

Docherty said that the UVic style of rugby is one of speed and pace while the French enjoy a much more methodical style in their game.

"They were defeated by superior French forces."

The tour started in the South of France with a match against the formidable St. Foye side. The Vikes defended against the French onslaught but were unable to stop a final attack in the dying minutes of the game. The French thrust forward with a try and a conversion to beat the Vikes 45-38.

Undaunted by this defeat, the Vikes rebounded in the following match against the all-star Buzet Regional Select team. UVic's speed and determination overpowered the side, beating them 33-15.

The Vikings advanced north.

At Norbonne and Sigean they were defeated by superior French forces 20-6 and 21-14.

In the final week of the tour, the Vikings occupied Paris where they squeezed a 29-28 victory out of the Maison La Fitte. Docherty said Bruce Jordan was the most outstanding player in this game and throughout the tour.

"Bruce played with great focus and determination and might have single-handedly won the [La Fitte] game for us," said Docherty.

The final game of the tour saw the Vikes fall to the ACBB Club of Paris in a 35-24 match which saw some of the best tackling of the tour.❑

photo by Michael Butterfield

1993 Vikes rugby team returned from their tour of France enriched, but with a dismal 2 and 4 record.

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Field hockey women look to threepeat

By Michael Butterfield

UVic women's field hockey: CIAU Champions 1991, CIAU Champions 1992, CIAU Champions 1993?

Head coach Lynne Beecroft thinks so.

"Our 1992 Championship team dominated the league . . . we were able to blend the enthusiasm of four first year players with the experience of three returning Olympians," Beecroft said.

The result of this combination was a veritable scoring machine.

"Experience is the key factor," Beecroft said.

Fortunately, the 1993 team is strengthened by the return of Sara Plumpton and Laurelee Kopeck.

Plumpton has extensive goaltending experience, most recently with the Canadian National Team. "I'm looking forward to the challenge ... and I think we can be really good this year," said Plumpton.

Kopeck is a former Olympian and veteran of UVic field hockey. "She has a lot of experience . . . and can really read the game," said Beecroft.

The 1993 Canadian Intercollegiate Athletics Union (CIAU) season begins with a weekend tournament in Edmonton at the end of September.

"The result of this combination was a veritable scoring machine."

The Vikes will face off against the University of Alberta on Saturday morning, and the University of Manitoba in the afternoon. Sunday will see the Vikes take on the University of Calgary and old rivals UBC.

"We'll do well but I don't really know what to expect from them. Edmonton and UBC will be the teams to beat," said Beecroft.

The program is divided into two teams. The varsity team is made up of the top 15 athletes and play their Vancouver Island league games Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

The remaining players compete in the local club league. This allows for the development of new players without reducing their CIAU eligibility. They play Wednesdays at 8:30 pm.

As part of the benefits of the Commonwealth Games, UVic received a new all weather pitch for home games. Situated next to the McKinnon Gym this facility provides bleachers for spectators. Beecroft said "Our first home game is on September 25th. We really do encourage spectators now we have the facilities."❑

photo by Richard Skipp

The UVic women's field hockey team is hoping to follow up two consecutive CIAU championships. A good blend of veterans and novices indicates these hopes are well grounded. Check out the new pitch behind the McKinnon gym.

Women's soccer: finally ready to win

by Michael Butterfield and Rebecca Zarchikoff

After winning only one game last season, the UVic women's soccer team kicks off their second year in the highly competitive Canadian Intercollegiate Athletics Union (CIAU) conference.

"We are having a good start putting the ball in the net," said coach Ian Bridge.

"We have a lot more depth this year."

This was clearly demonstrated in the first two league ~~games~~ of the Sept. 11, Lower Island Pre-Season Tournament.

UVic beat Prospect Lake 3-1 then pummelled the BC Native Select team 6-1.

Bridge, a former Whitecap player and men's national team member, downplayed the wins. "We're playing really well, but the season is just beginning," Bridge said.

With nine returning players and nine new players, the UVic squad has balanced experience and development.

"We have a lot more depth this year...we will do a lot better," said veteran player Jackie Cunningham.

Women's soccer attracted one of the largest turnouts for a varsity team try-out.

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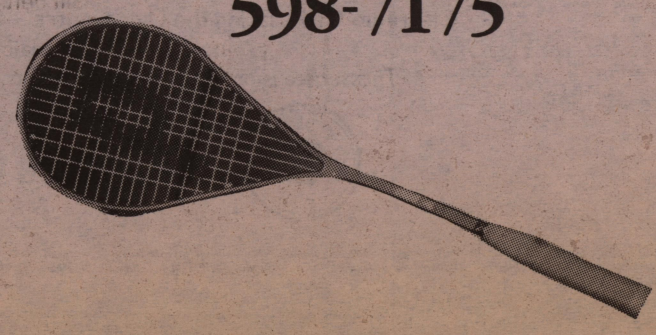

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Festival

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Hanging Around

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Lecture

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FRIDAY

Concert

FRIDAYMUSIC: UVic School of Music students perform selections for various instruments in the Young Recital Hall at 12:30 p.m. in the MacLaurin building. Free.

Lecture

"THE MYTH OF RECOVERY after Toxicant Stress" by Dr. Wayne Landis, from the Huxley College of Environmental Studies, in Cunningham room 146 at 3 p.m.

Meeting

POLITICAL SCIENCE COURSE UNION: The following positions are available: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Social Coordinator. Candidates can be nominated prior to or during the meeting. All majors or students registered in at least one Poli Sci course are eligible to vote in this election. For info call George Pringle at 721-8369. The meeting is at 3:30 p.m. Cornett B108.

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Rally

STOP THE DRUG WAR Hemp Rally. The Cannabis Action Network will be promoting awareness of the hemp plant. Meet outside the Student Union Building at 12 p.m.

SATURDAY

Concert

CULTIVATORS: come groove to the reggae beat at tonight Felicita's, in the Student Union Building.

Improv

SPILT MILK: Come and give us the spanking we deserve! Local improv at 9 p.m. & 11 p.m. at Java Coffeehouse, 537 Johnson.

Lecture

SPIDER DAY! Learn all about spiders and meet Dr. Spider at the Swan Lake Nature House, 1 p.m. Call 470-0211 for info.

CFUV ORIENTATION DAY: Interested in your own radio show or just helping with one? Meet at 2 p.m. in the SUB Upper.

Party

END O' SUMMER BBQ, hosted by the LGBA. Ask for Kate at 385-4270 or Mike at 389-0246.

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SUNDAY

Concert

ERICH SCHWANDT plays the harpsichord in a faculty recital. Sooth your ears with the music of Bach, Couperin, d'Anglebert and Chambonnieres in the Young Recital Hall at 2:30 p.m. in the MacLaurin building. Tickets are $5 and $8.

Meeting

HAWKS IN MOTION: a field trip about migratory birds at the East Sooke park, 10 a.m. Please preregister by calling 479-0211.

MONDAY

Concert

KAREN HSIAO on piano in a graduate recital at the Young Recital Hall, MacLaurin building at 8 p.m. Free.

Lecture

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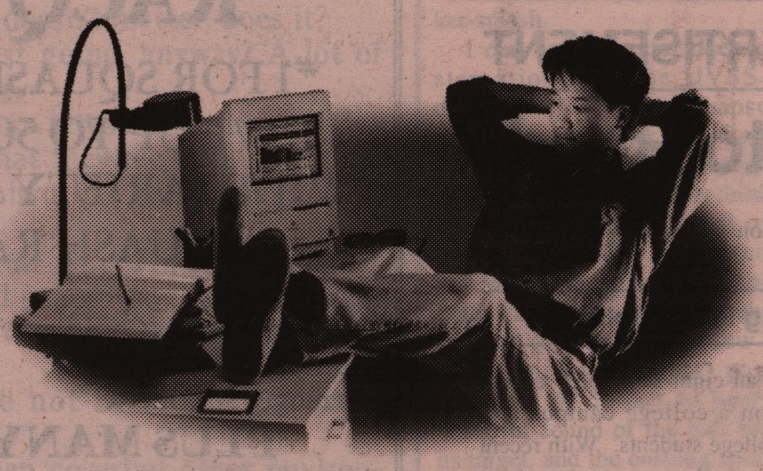

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TUESDAY

Festival

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Hanging Around

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Lecture

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Meeting

AIESEC: For students interested in the international perspective. For info call 721-8745.

Rally

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WEDNESDAY

Concert

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Festival

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Meeting

LGBA: Monthly General Meeting at 1:30 p.m. in Cinecenta. Wanted: people to help on various committees.

Course Unions Listing

ASA (Anthro) Elections. Contact Simmone Ruff or David Long in class.

BUGS (Biology) AGM/Elections CUN Lounge 1st floor Sept 16 12:30

Economics CU needs you. Contact Derek 727-6756 or Erling 595-0051

EdSA (Education). Office 721-7832.

ESS (Engr) & Science Venture. Office 721-8661.

Law Students Society. Office 721-8159.

PoliSci CU AGM CorB108 Sept 17 3:30pm.

Sociology CU AGM CorA317 Sept 16 6pm. Contact Ana 360-1179.

Clubs Listing

AIESEC Intro Meeting Sept 20&22 call 721-8745 for info.

BALLROOM DANCE Meets Sundays 8:30pm SUB Upper and Mondays 5:30pm Gordon Head TPC. Call 598-0781 for details.

CFUV Radio need volunteers. SUB 2nd floor. Call 721-8702 for info.

EUTYCHUS SOCIETY Bible Study Night Wednesdays. 7:30pm UVic Interfaith Chapel.

IVCF meet 11:30am Thursdays MacD103 for various Christian events.

JUGGLING CLUB McKinnon App Gym Mondays & Thursdays 6pm. Info call Rich 361-4997.

LGBA Drop-in Centre. SUB 137A Tuesdays & Thursdays 11:30-2:30.

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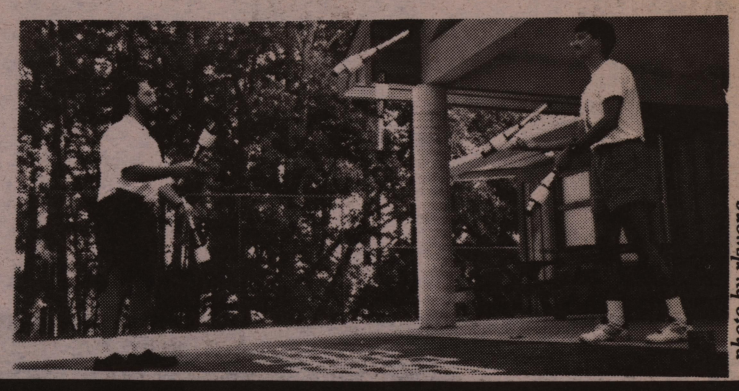

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OCT 1, 1993 5PM

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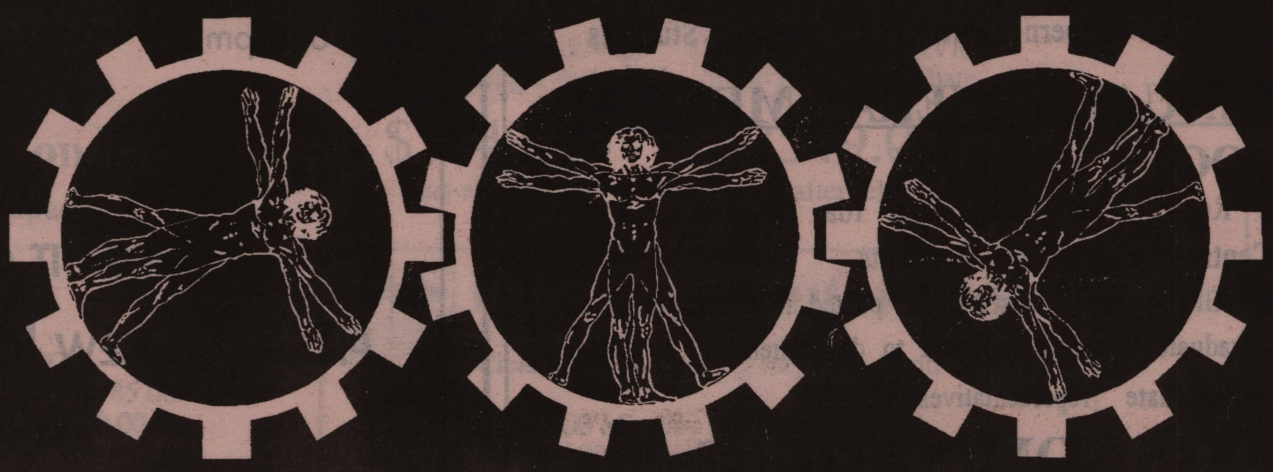

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Jeremy Greenhouse and his unusual band was just one of the bands at the Rock for Brains concert September 10.

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The University of Victoria Students' Society Board of Directors is serving Notice of Motion for Special Resolutions for the Annual General Meeting (October 27, 1993). Bylaw 4, Section 6 b of the Society's constitution states:

> The Board of Directors shall include on the agenda any Special Resolutions that are:
> i referred by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of a quorate meeting of the Board of Directors, or
> ii presented to it accompanied by a petition duly signed by not less than one percent (1%) of the membership of the Students' Society

As well, any member can present a motion to the Board of Directors for its consideration for notice. The Annual General is the level at which most changes are made and motions effecting these changes are called Special Resolutions. If you have any questions (or motions, or petitions), please contact Janetta Ozard (UVSS Chairperson) Naomi Johnson (Resource Coordinator) in the Resource Centre, beside Cinecenta in the SUB. You can also call then at 721-8370 or 721-8366.

The deadline for submission of Special Resolution for Notice of Motion to the October General Meeting is 12:00 p.m. (noon), Friday October 1, 1993.

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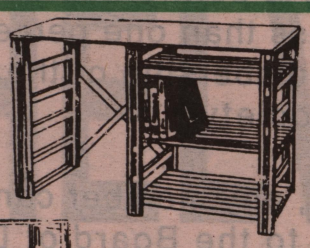

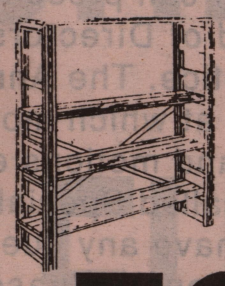

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Monkey wrenching with your lifestyle

by Keitha Stockand

Direct action is usually associated with illegal activities that cost evil multinationals and colonial governments huge sums of money. It is also associated with road blockages, tree sitting, mass protests and all forms of literally getting in the way of the system.

These activities are sometimes highly effective emergency tactics to prevent the unbearable and unsustainable from occurring; however, direct action can also mean making an alternative to the status quo a reality.

Direct Action undermines the monopoly mainstream ideology and practices has on how to live, and on how to resist.

Increasingly, people are not only finding nonviolent direct action necessary, but also socially acceptable. Risks of arrest and imprisonment are no longer the deterrences they once were.

However, direct action is not defined solely by the illegality of the activities. There are infinite ways to challenge the system without directly challenging the law.

Direct Action is not asking the power holders for change, it is not lobbying and it is not legislated disempowerment (elections). It is making change happen with our bodies and our minds.

It occurs on organic farms, on bicycles and in intentional communities committed to unlearning and resolving the oppressions and issues that otherwise prevent people from working together and living holistically

Direct action doesn't just get in the way, it shows the way.

Consumer habits , for example, is a huge issue that requires self education and vigilance.

Literally refusing to buy into the system that relies on the exploitation of people, animals and the earth, (especially in lesser industrialized parts of the world), challenges that very system because the result is support for alternatives to exploitative practices.

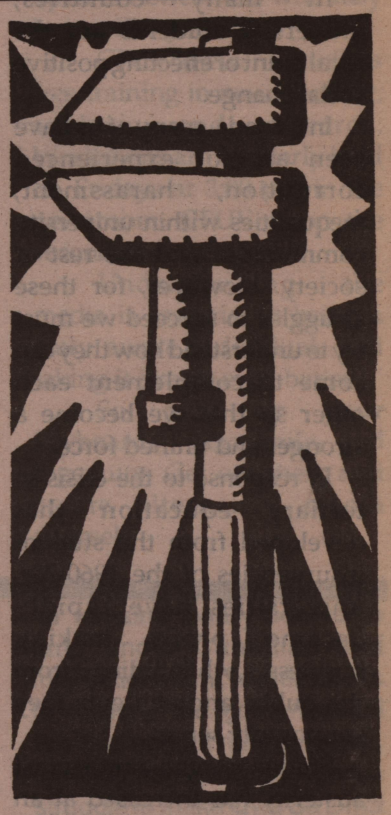
The more affluent participants in a capitalist world can be influential by rejecting factory farmed, plantation grown, imported produce and products in favour of organic locally cultivated and manufactured varieties. Furthermore, overconsuming is not only a matter of how much is consumed, but how the product is produced, under what worker and living conditions, how it is packaged, marketed and sold.

Consumer direct action involves many social and political issues such as vegetarianism, bioregional living, supporting community based small scale industry, cooperatives, workers earning a sustainable income, using an alternative economy such as Local Exchange Trading System. It considers that products consumed should be sustainable for the earth, its inhabitants the consumers and the producers as well.

Consider transportation and the myriad related issues; the politics of fossil fuel consumption, pollution, climactic and ecological damage from road construction and automobile emissions, health, and cost to the community.

Minimizing the use of automobiles and riding a bicycle instead can have a huge impact. However, the onus tends to be on cyclists to find the flaws with roads which rarely accommodate bicycle traffic, the lack of education most motorist have when sharing the road with cyclists, and the lack of bicycle only routes.

Direct action on the roads is more than just peddling to class or to work. Public transit more often than not is inadequate for the people who are most likely to use the service. The average person is not simply travelling from the periphery to downtown which is roughly the extent of Victoria's bus system..



Work and life in general, especially when children and special needs are considered, takes people all over their communities. Ideally people are empowered and organized to create their own transportation solutions to meet their specific needs. Neighbourhood car pooling, improved bus routes, and development of non-

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B.C.'s Illegal Story

— How the B.C. Supreme court tried to censor your news —

For a couple of weeks Canadians have been getting fragments of news about a censored story. Although nothing specific has been said about the case itself, a number of papers have reported on the fact that a court somewhere in Canada was preventing them from it. The Globe and Mail, for example, printed the following:

A story we still can't report

A court's decree somewhere in Canada on Tuesday still prevents the public from hearing about a certain court case. The Globe and Mail is not permitted to reveal where the case is being heard, what the case is about or who and what is involved. Nor is it allowed to report on the reasons for the silence. The Globe and Mail is attempting to argue that the public does have the right to hear about the case, on the grounds of freedom of expression and freedom of the press and other media of communication, which is guaranteed in the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Meanwhile, the U.S. papers were not bound by a similar injunction, and many of them found time to comment on the "gag order". The most important of these stories was an editorial printed by the Denver Post which actually broke the story and which contains important com-mentary on censorship. In addition, the editorial encouraged its readers to fax copies of it to any friends in Canada; VIPIRG recently received a copy of the banned story.

Fortunately, the CBC and the Globe and Mail have won their bid to overturn the injunction and we are now free to reprint the Denver Post article. The Denver Post reports that after their editorial was printed hundreds of journalists and public interest groups from Canada contacted them to ask for copies of it. And no wonder!

Canadians get the shaft in probe of Colo, mining fiasco

In the United States, powerful people who get into trouble can't legally do much to keep their problems under wraps once journalists find out about them. The First Amendment prohibits censor-ship of the press.

But the freedom of the media to report on what's going on - and of the public to find out - is a little more restricted in Canada, as a case involving the Summitville gold-mining debacle in Colorado has just demonstrated.

A fortnight ago, the Vancouver financier who headed the company that developed the mine obtained a court order to prevent the Canadian Broadcasting Corp. from airing a story on its operations, which left a tributary of the Rio Grande so polluted that the Environmental Protection Agency had to step in and take over the site.

Not only that, but the executive, Robert Friedland, also persuaded the court to forbid the CBC and other media from reporting that an injunction had been granted, what issues were involved or even where the case was being heard.

This led the Toronto Globe and Mail to report in a cryptic front-page story last week that "somewhere in Canada" a judge had decreed that the public had "no right to hear about a certain court case."

Ironically, word got out when Friedland's lawyer started bragging that his client had won a fight with the CBC, and the effort to keep things quiet not only heightened the media interest in his affairs.

The Vancouver Sun opened the floodgates on Monday, when it published a story reporting - without saying a word about any injunction - that the financier was being investigated by the EPA to see if he could be held personally liable for part of the $100 million cleanup at Summitville.

The account came out on the same day that Friedland's latest venture, a company offering investors a chance to buy into gold in Venezuela, was due to be listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange.

Meanwhile, the CBC and the Globe and Mail were challenging the gag order on grounds that it violated the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. A decision on the appeal is expected next Wednesday.

From an American point of view, of course, attempts at secrecy like this seem not just politically unjustifiable, but pointless as well.

These days, information with international implications can be moved across boarders as quickly as a sheet of paper can be fed into a fax machine. And that's exactly what we urge our readers with friends in Canada to do with this editorial.

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Why must I try?

By Prince Jusu Nallo

In many countries, university students are the focal point of effecting positive social change.

In Canada, many of us have seen and/or experienced corruption, harassment, inequalities within university communities and the rest of society. However, for these struggles to succeed we must try to understand how they can come to complement each other so that we become a stronger and unified force.

In response to the crisis in tertiary education that developed from the student insurgencies of the 1960-70s, universities have rapidly become profit making businesses, while hiding it from the public and students they supposedly serve.

Students organizing against austerity has increased at an intense pace since the late 1980s. Many have heard about the protest against tuition increases, Chilly climate for

Sincere believers in rapid, positive social change will educate members to fight the power.

women on this campus and many other struggles.

The Vancouver Island Public Interest Research Group is a challenging and exciting place to be. VIPIRG members come from diverse backgrounds and interests. Individual members subscribe to VIPIRG because much more can be achieved, learned, shared, co-operatively than single-handedly.

VIPIRG is vibrant and effective. It exists to challenge conventional rhetoric and status-quo, and provide better alternatives to students and the community. We continue to provide and promote diverse research, education and action programs at UVIC, other educational institutions, community organizations and governments.

One of VIPIRG's activities involves training students as social change agents for community mobilization to fight sexism, racism, homophobia, exploitation, Patriarchy , nepotism...environmental destruction.

To augment and enhance VIPIRG's activities, we offer an alternative resources and provide a number of practical skills including communication process, consensus, public speaking, facilitation and lobbying.

VIPIRG is currently conducting a major research project on Farmworkers, the most marginalized workers in B.C, numbering about 31,000, of whom approximately 95% are visible minorities.

The Farm Workers Project (F.W.P.) is a multi-disciplinary research, education and advocacy scheme. Some of the project's objectives have already been accomplished. A considerable amount of information about farmworkers is now available in our office.

We have organized many public education activities and produced several educational resources, critiqued draft regulations for Agricultural Operations. We have conducted some interviews on farming and also presented a brief to the Employment Standards Review Commission last week.

The Farm Workers Project members assisted the South Island Women for Economic Survival to prepare research and recommendations on Domestic and Women Farm Workers for the B.C. Ministry for Women's Equality.

We continue to lobby government and non-government organizations to create legislation that protects the rights of Farm Workers.

For instance, through efforts of the F.W.P., the Canadian Farmworkers Union and other organizations, Farm Workers are included under Health and Safety legislation in B.C. This is very important because agriculture is one of the most dangerous industries in North America.

Our findings will be published in a book.

In 1991/92, the Violence

... Others will be content without more conformity.

Against Women Committee of VIPIRG, building on the popular theatre production of the previous years's Sexual Harassment Committee, created the critical and educational "Phallacy posters". These posters are being used by many other institutions in B.C.

The Understanding Eating Disorders committee, now known as "Politics of Body Image" organized several poster campaigns and educational events. Many resources produced or acquired by this committee were used local high schools.

The Anti-Racism and Discrimination committee has developed a strong foundation for student and community activism. Among the numerous educational activities organized last year, this committee, with the help of politicians and other community groups succeeded to stop neo-Nazis from organizing meetings in Victoria.

As capitalism in its contradictions must shift more of it's austerity on to the shoulders of students and the working class to maintain it's rate of profit, we must come together to stop this mass exploitation of people and resources.

Our so called democratic power has not penetrated the mainstream media and power. Media Watch committee is involved in the struggle to agitate against those who own and control the factors of production and distribution.

The Native Vegetation (Green Campus) committee launched a massive educational campaign to protect and preserve Mystic Vale, a 10 hectare ravine adjacent to the university. This committee organized one of the most attended public hearings in UVIC's history. Working with Cadboro Bay Residence Association, and the University, the committee succeeded in it's efforts to SAVE MYSTIC VALE from becoming a concrete jungle.

The interest shown in VIPIRG by many students, professors and community members is very encouraging. The first Native Vegetation meeting I attended this Fall involved committee members, Friends of Glencoe Cove and members of the Gowlland foundation.

In collaboration with the University administration, VIPIRG's energy conservation pamphlet will be

In Canada, many of us have seen, and/or experienced, corruption.

included in this year's orientation kits to students in residence.

VIPIRG has obtained over $240,000 in governments funds to help the University establish a comprehensive recycling and waste management program.

Work space is a real problem for us, however. We could use more space on Campus. This is a plea to the University community, please help us secure a bigger and better work space on campus. We are growing in many areas, but our work space is very inadequate.

However, like most groups, VIPIRG is experiencing growing pains. The organization is getting larger, our office is getting smaller, internal politricks...we are addressing broad and complex issues, and will continue empowering students and community members through " research, education, and advocacy and action".

VIPIRG is attempting to establish a broad based consensus to formulate effective Policies and Constitutions that are in close harmony with the desires of a broad membership.

This is a difficult process, but as mentioned earlier, many heads are better than one. Therefore, members are invited to participate, that is, be seen and heard in formulating these documents.

We must provide a supportive culture. The essential elements are trust, respect, open mindedness, unlearning biases...flexibility, equal rights and justice. We must trust that each component of VIPIRG is capable of and indeed will contribute to the attainment of VIPIRG's mission, vision, goals and objectives.

However, if power is confined to members of one component of a social movement, there is inevitably a severe ideological censorship. Sincere believers in rapid positive social change will educate members to fight the power; others will be content with outward conformity. The former attitude will promote the free exercise of intelligence and power distribution; the latter maintains status-quo and hypocrisy.

When I asked some of my colleagues about their

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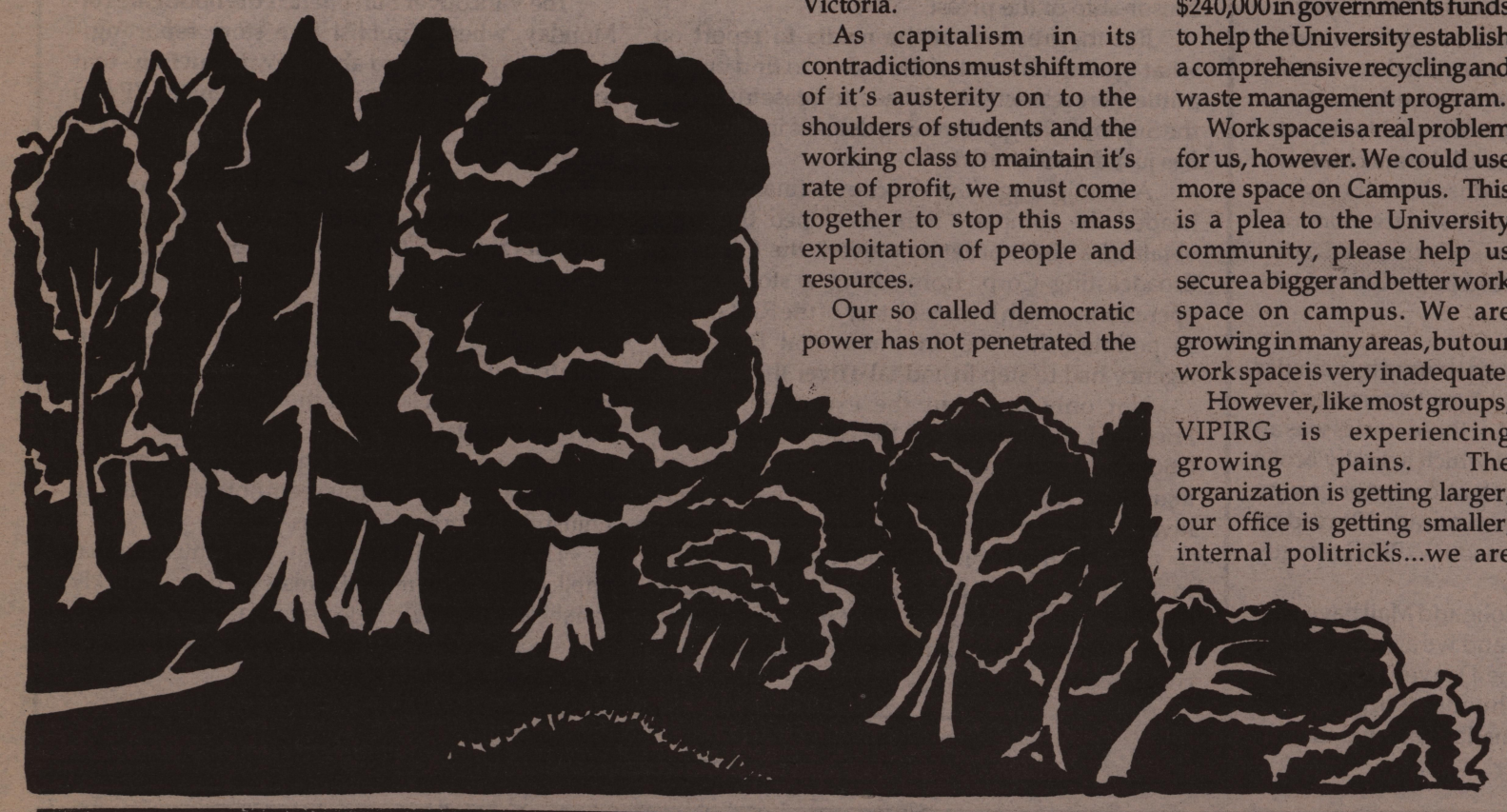

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Taking the media into your own hands

by Chris Vance

Beyond the woolly-socked theorists and inebriated revolutionary cat-calls lies the real action of activism: actually producing one's own alternative media.

Contrary to what many people may think, print and radio are actually fairly accessible.

You don't have to write for the Martlet (although I'd suggest it); you can publish your own paper, an option which is much easier on the pocketbook than is commonly believed.

For example, for a monetary outlay of under $350, three thousand copies of Struggle for the Land, a publication supporting the land claims of indigenous peoples, were able to reach the streets of Victoria (Copies are now available at VIPIRG).

This is a good example of everyday people taking over the presses because *Struggle* 's content, interviews with native spokespeople around Canada, would be less likely to be printed elsewhere.

With your own creativity, late nights and dedication, you too can employ such means to get almost anything you want. printed and out in the public eye.

VIPIRG's own Mediawatch committee is considering creating its own publication much as *Vibes* does already, as well as many other different organizations.

The UVic *Martlet* offers free training and experience in editing, writing, layout and other aspects of newspaper production, and further experience and hands on training is available through the VIPIRG newsletter committee.

The seemingly inaccessible media of radio is also yours for the taking.

Although not as easy (or legal) to operate on your own, UVic's CFUV Radio 102 fm offers training and on-air experience for alternative music and/or public affairs enthusiasts.

One exciting aspect of CFUV news is the on-line computer networking. The Web computer system offers current and thorough news from all kinds of organizations and alternative news sources around the world.

Amongst Web's repertoire is news from Central America, Indigenous Nations, Lesbian and Gay groups, women's organizations, ecological organizations, and many other groups struggling for liberation.

Web's contributors are not just the mainstream either. Guerilla groups contribute, and the American Indian Movement, Queer Nation and Earth First! are all examples of Web's radical leanings.

VIPIRG broadcasts its own show on CFUV Tuesdays from 12:15 to 1:00 pm, and it's open to newcomers who may be just like yourself.

CFUV's newsroom offers free training in news-writing, analysis and research. Workshops are regularly held on Fridays at 3:00 pm in the newsroom. CFUV is on the second floor of the SUB.

Understanding the media is essential to being a truly aware individual, and taking it over is even better.

So pick up your keyboard, x-acto knife, and ingenuity. Get out there and create alternative media yourself.

101 ways to empower communities

One of the perks in being around the VIPIRG office in the summer is that you may get to attend an annual meeting to decide on the issue committees for the year.

This year the meeting was held in town and was open to all members.

Those who attended quickly developed a list of possible committees and, in one evening, decided to keep all four committees that had run over the past year, as well as add another.

Although it was close, the new committee which was eventually decided upon was to focus on the "empowering individuals within their communities" part of our mission statement. It later became called the "Creating Empowered Communities" committee.

The committee is based on the premise that the community people come from, whether it be a family, a group of friends, a city or a state, has a tremendous effect on how they feel about themselves and their ability to change their world.

Increasingly, people do not experience a sense of community, and instead find themselves a small piece of a very big, impersonal, machine.

In this context, any attempt to improve our society would seem futile. In contrast, a community where each individual is valued and supported, tends to create people well suited to a democracy — people who will question authority and work towards further improving their communities.

> "empowering individuals within their communities"

Despite this obvious link, communities are an often neglected aspect of activism. Doing massive actions, getting media attention, lobbying government — these things are all put ahead of making a person feel part of a supportive, welcoming community.

In some groups this doesn't matter so much, since the group manages to form a sense of community through their activism. In other groups, egos and infighting can lead to a breakdown of the community which makes activism impossible for all but the most stubborn.

This committee, then, will look at providing communities where people can question and feel supported in their questioning. Within this broad mandate, the group will have to find a more specific direction.

Proposals include setting up a university course in activism, working with the LETS (an alternative economic trading system), research and action on bioregionalism,—and these are only the beginning.

When the committee was first formed, some people were worried that people wouldn't understand what creating empowered communities involved; instead the members are beginning to develop a handful of concrete actions which hopefully will create empowered communities both on and off campus.

"VIPIRG is an autonomous, non-profit, non-partisan organisation dedicated to research, education and action in the public interest. In undertaking these activities, VIPIRG strives to empower individuals within their communities and to provide and promote a tolerant and safe environment (s. 15 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms)"

— VIPIRG Mission Statement

Native Vegetation Workshop

Saturday, October 2, 9:00am-3:30pm

Elliot Building, University of Victoria

Attend sessions on "The Use of Native Plants in the Landscape with Ethnobotanical Notes", "Native Plant Propagation", "Garry Oaks and Your Backyard" and "Attracting Wildlife to your Backyard". A nominal registration fee will be charged for some sessions. Contact VIPIRG, 721-8629, for more information.

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automotive transportation could alleviate fossil fuel dependency, necessity for more parking lots and larger road networks as well as improve the quality of life for all life forms affected by the almighty automobile.

The automobile culture is dependant on fossil fuels and unsustainable resource extraction. The Gulf War (which still continues) is about multinational driven greed for access to oil, not just to keep cars on the road, but to sustain a thriving military industrial complex.

Therefore, relying on imported fossil fuels assists justification of oppressive military diplomacy

There are individuals whose daily existence is direct action. Their actions are inspiring examples that alternatives work.

Merv Wilkinson has been selectively logging his land for decades. /he has proven that ecologically sustainable forestry is also economically sustainable. His work challenges the arguments made by multinational forestry companies, governments and unions which insist that the irreparable damage done to the earth in the name of profit and jobs.

Wilkinson's forestry practices could easily be reproduced if communities rallied to consider the future of their economies and their environment and intrinsically connected, and also recognized the superficial concern multinational companies and the government has for their present and future.

The struggle for the recognition of Qwa Ba Diwa sovereignty is another example of direct action lifestyle. It is the life work of Peter Knighton and his family. Direct Action means not participating in the system that denies Qwa Ba Diwa's existence.

Qwa Ba Diwa Native land has never been ceded to any government or court, and so remains legally sovereign land under Canadian and International law. In their efforts to eschew the governmental ties that control native people, the Knighton family and friends struggle to make Qwa Ba Diwa as self sufficient as possible.

They receive nothing but denial and harassment from the government and the Department of Indian Affairs created structures that would otherwise usurp jurisdiction of Qwa Ba Diwa.

For some, direct action means opting out of the systems of control and seeking other means to sustenance and support. Those who can assist those outside the system are themselves undermining the powers that prevent self determination for individuals, communities and nations.

It is important to remember the planet is not dying, it is being killed. Every action, every decision has far reaching ramifications. Intrinsic lifestyle changes not only help to ease the burden on the earth and all beings but also set examples for other.

The more we do and the more we share what we do, the more effective our actions can be.

Whether the struggle is towards a safer world for women and children, the preservation of wilderness, the recognition of native sovereignty, or the end of corporate control of our minds and bodies, there must be a recognition that all oppressions are linked and must be unlearned.

It is difficult to do everything necessary to effect holistic change, but efforts can be such that they do not occur at the expense of others who are also struggling for positive changes.

Direct action is refusing to be divided and ruled as the power holders intend. There are no laws against unity and cooperation and the effects of working together can neutralize the laws and structures that we work to replace.

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Somalia censorship continues

By Stephen DeMeulenaere

There are many reasons for the US-led, First-world backed invasion of Somalia which do not jive so well with the official reasons given by the government and the mainstream press.

Oil interests, strategic military bases and geopolitical location, and Islamic Fundamentalism provide the most compelling reasons that so many countries are interested in establishing effective control over this country.

Although the invasion was billed as a humanitarian relief effort which has turned into an drive to re-impose a US-backed regime under the banner of restoring "order", US/UN peacekeeping troops are now being called "peace-making" troops in order to justify the unwarranted invasion.

Thousands of Somali people have been slaughtered by high-tech weaponry which has been laying waste to various "command and control centres" throughout the residential districts of Mogadishu. Demonstrators protesting the invasion have been fired upon by machine gunners guarding UN Troops carrying out their mission. Clan fighters have begun to wage guerilla warfare against the foreign troops, "justifying" the deaths of civilians at the hands of Canadian, American and European soldiers.

Last January, VIPIRG's Media Watch group produced a pamphlet called *Censored News: Somalia.* It covered aspects of the invasion that have yet to be reported by most of the mainstream press. The Globe & Mail printed a small article hidden in a back page called "Why U.S. Really Cares About Saving Somalia" on January 27/93.

In the 1980's, US-backed Dictator Mohammed Siad Barre granted generous concessions to US Oil companies and the US Military in exchange for huge sums of US Aid and Arms.

A 1991 World Bank report put Somalia and Sudan at the top of the list of prospective commercial oil producers in Africa, whetting American appetites. That year, Siad Barre was overthrown, and all bets were off.

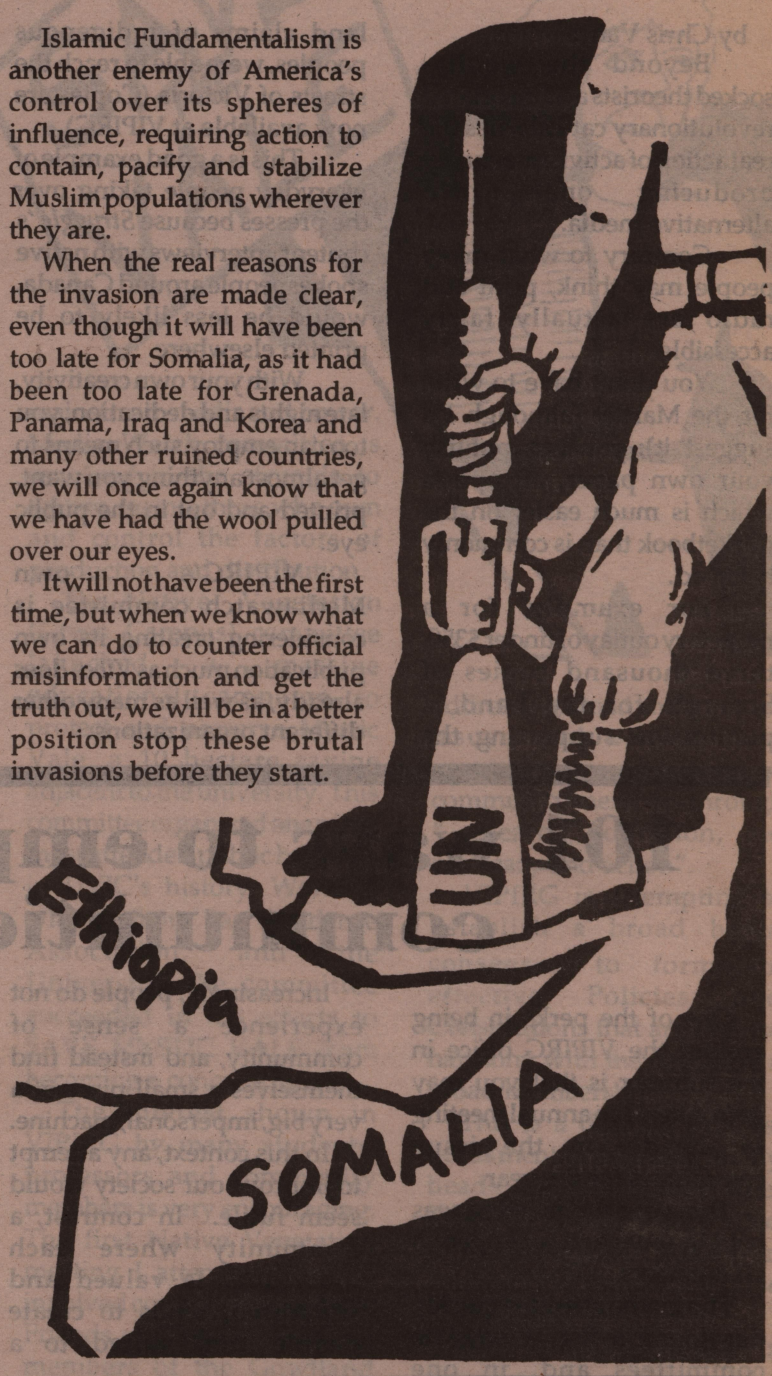
There is still a giant Air Force Base in Berbera in northern Somalia, which is now called Somaliland, at the mouth of the Red Sea. The US Navy Times stated that ..."Intervention in Somalia serves US strategic and political interests in the Middle East...whoever controls Somalia could control the southern entrance to the Red Sea and thus the Suez Canal." There are several bases that the US was forced to leave due to the overthrow and military cutbacks which are now being re-occupied.

An Oil company worker in Somalia told the Globe that he just "couldn't see 30,000 Troops coming to Somalia just to escort food trucks".

Islamic Fundamentalism is another enemy of America's control over its spheres of influence, requiring action to contain, pacify and stabilize Muslim populations wherever they are.

When the real reasons for the invasion are made clear, even though it will have been too late for Somalia, as it had been too late for Grenada, Panama, Iraq and Korea and many other ruined countries, we will once again know that we have had the wool pulled over our eyes.

It will not have been the first time, but when we know what we can do to counter official misinformation and get the truth out, we will be in a better position stop these brutal invasions before they start.



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experiences and knowledge of VIPIRG, here is what they had to say:

According to Stephen Demeulenaere " VIPIRG is great and empowering. Even though it may not look like it, VIPIRG is becoming a radical organization. We have the resources to conduct research on issues that do not normally get addressed by other organizations. For example, the effects of patriarchal capitalism on humans and the ecosystem."

Chris Coll states that "VIPIRG is the only place where my free thought is allowed on campus. I learn more here debating with people".

Liz Dean states that "VIPIRG harnesses the energy of one os the list tapped and most productive sectors of society-students".

For Trevor Walker, " VIPIRG is a great opportunity to keep in touch with ongoing issues and to meet people that are active and involved in many activities"

Brett Heneke Said that "VIPIRG is a location to get in contact with other environmentalists and social activists. If bureaucracy can be limited to only the necessary, accomplishments can continue to be outstanding".

"VIPIRG is one of the few organizations that focuses on how things are done and the means, rather than the ends only" quoted Andrew Gage.

Robert Burgess states that "VIPIRG is a vehicle that provide support to various groups and allows for public action without the hassle of creating a separate organization. VIPIRG allows people to learn to do by doing".

"Our reputation is growing rapidly through the things we've been doing. There has been a tremendous explosion in the number of people on campus and the community coming to us requesting information and getting involved in our programs. Our non-student membership is rapidly growing" said Renee Pahara.

What emotions do these issues evoke in you?

For Bryce Gilroy-Scott, "VIPIRG is a grassroots centre for the empowerment of people seeking to make the necessary total social change required for our lives".

"VIPIRG is a training ground for students. It is great that we are involved in saving Mystic Vale, acquiring funds for recycling, researching about Farmworkers and other social issues. It is more important that we are empowering students to work for change. VIPIRG is about becoming active participants in a democracy. Democracy is not just voting every four years. VIPIRG is about decentralizing power". said Jocelyn Lewis.

Laura Craig agrees that "VIPIRG is an opportunity for students to get involved in social change. It provides the chance to challenge the status-quo through organized movements. I like the issues that VIPIRG addresses. VIPIRG is an opportunity for students to gain skills for future careers and social mobilization".

Why must I try? I must try because of my children, your children, our children's children...I must try to protect and preserve a decent world for future generations.

As you read this article, multinational corporations are busy destroying Clayoquot Sound, Walbran, Amazon...and other Wilderness areas of the world. Politicians continue to play diabolical football and tricking the people.

The violence against Women and children is on the increase, high unemployment, war and many other social malaise. What emotions do these issues evoke in you? How can you translate these emotions into action.

VIPIRG has an obligation to provide high quality alternative research, education and advocacy and action oriented programs in the PUBLIC INTEREST. We have to show our collective strength to improve the democratic process, inequalities...and agitate for social justice and environmental protection. Please join VIPIRG to improve the quality of life.

The struggle continues unabated (Aluta Continua).

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Annual General Meeting

Wed., Nov. 3

1:00-4:00

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Agenda will include:

Report from Board
Financial Report
Mission Statement
Constitutional Change — Notice of AGMs

To add items to the agenda, please leave a message in Kara's box in the VIPIRG office, SUB, Rm 144, or phone (721-8629) and leave a message, by October 20.

WORLD FOOD DAY FAIR

October 15, 10:00am-5:00pm

Student Union Building, UVic

The VIPIRG Farmworkers Project is organising a World Food Day Fair and Panel Discussions. Come and learn about sustainable agriculture, the working conditions of farm workers, how you can shop for justice and other issues surrounding the food you eat.

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